

## Guides

### 1st PUCKLECHURCH GUIDES

Guides and families responded to the Ukraine humanitarian appeal with five boxes of specific items and, at the request of our Ukrainian friend Vera, made cards with simple uplifting messages, translated into Ukrainian, to be given to children and soldiers fleeing the conflict. And we made and wore blue and yellow ribbons.

Five more Guides made their Promise, two more joined and Lexie became our third Guide to earn her Bronze award. Well done.

We made bath bombs and filled our hand decorated jars with hand-made bath salts for Mothers' Day presents.

After Easter we prepared for camp at our Guide-owned site, Briarlands, from 29th April to 2nd May. This was a joint camp with 11th Kingswood Guides as Frances is a leader there too. It was absolutely freezing cold the first night but we all survived to enjoy a gloriously hot Saturday when we built an amazing climbing frame under instruction from the Oxfordshire Pioneering team of which Frances is a member.

Sunday dawned wet but by the afternoon we were able to make and cook cakes in our foil-covered, cardboard box ovens - well they looked ok covered in icing but were a bit singed on the bottom! Nevertheless they joined the other goodies laid out for our Mad Hatters Tea Party. This was great fun, and I can report that all our Guides can scream loudly when required!

We invited the Brownies staying in the on-site lodge to our campfire, swelling the sounds of joyous voices singing new and old favourite songs. On Monday we managed to squeeze in a few active games, whilst waiting for tents to dry out, then pack them away.

We are continuing outdoor activities. Firstly we're mastering fire-lighting, and keeping it alight, before we move on to cooking over a wood fire. Nothing like that smoky wood fire smell, especially when you arrive home!

Although new girls have joined, we still have a few spaces, so if you're 10-14 years, and looking for fun, friends and adventure then join us. No need to have been a Rainbow or Brownie, and its ok if you're in Scouting too. We can always use extra adult help too. Please contact Ros Abbott on 07709 639846. We meet on Tuesdays. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Rainbows

### 1ST PUCKLECHURCH RAINBOWS

1st Pucklechurch Rainbows have been working hard on their Camping badge this term. We've worked in teams to build our own tents and had lots of fun cooking on the barbeque. We listened for the popping sound of our popcorn, roasted marshmallows and created some gooey chocolate waffle cones. We also celebrated May Day by creating crowns using ivy and performing some dances. We welcome girls aged 4-7 every Tuesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm. We will have spaces from September. Please contact Izzy on 07921 816504 for further details.

## CA Pucklechurch Community Association Report

Following the easing of restrictions, activities at the hall are now back to normal, and bookings have returned to pre-pandemic levels. We are sure that the regular users of the hall have enjoyed meeting up with their fellow group members again.

The project to extend the community centre building is currently on hold, as there are still a number of issues that need to be addressed before we can move forward. We will provide updates 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](mailto:pcahallbooking@gmail.com) to discuss your requirements and the availability of the hall at your preferred time.

Finally, we would like to appeal to residents of the village - would you be interested in joining the Pucklechurch Community Association committee, so that you can have a say in how the community centre building will be run in the future? If you would like to help improve the facilities available to the residents of the village, and you can commit to attending committee meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, we would like to hear from you. Please email Peter Nunez, Secretary of Pucklechurch Community Association, at [peter.nunez@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.nunez@btinternet.com)

## Pucklechurch Playgroup

We meet in the Community Centre Monday to Friday for children aged 2-4 years, and we also operate a Stay and Play session for babies and toddlers aged up to 3. We have limited availability for September 2022.

Please contact  
Georgina Wynter BA hons (Early Years) on 07736713730  
Fiona Hanney 07545351364 for more information.

# PUCKLECHURCH NEWS



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## Revel 2022



### Revel is fast approaching so here's what you need to know!

The weekend will kick off on **Sunday 12th June at 6.30pm with a thanksgiving service at St Thomas a Becket church.** Omar is busy planning some of HM Queen Elizabeth's favourite hymns, and Matt a wonderful service.

**June 13th is Quiz night!** This will start at 7:30pm for 8pm in the CA Social club. £2 per person and maximum of six per team. Please email [Pucklechurch.revel@gmail.com](mailto:Pucklechurch.revel@gmail.com) to book your table.

**June 17th and 18th sees the Pucklechurch Beer and Cider festival.** Tickets are on sale now (early bird prices end on June 10th). You can purchase tickets in any of the local pubs and clubs or at [pucklechurchbeerfestival.org](http://pucklechurchbeerfestival.org). On Friday night we have the Skimmity Hitchers - playing old fashioned scrumpy and western live music and on Saturday night - a high piece rock covers band who promise to provide the full 'stadium rock' experience.

**June 18th is REVEL DAY!** The theme for this year is 'the Queen's reign through the decades!' The parade will start at 11:45 from Hillview Road, passing through Castle Road, Westerleigh Road and back via the community centre. There will be stalls, the fair and entertainment from Circus Uncertainty. We will finish the day with acts from Pucklechurch Open Mic.

We hope you can all join us! It would be fantastic to see you all.

If you have any questions please contact Revel on either our Facebook page, our email as above or you can call me, Lori-Anne on 07789707278 and leave a message.

## Good Neighbours

The Good Neighbour Scheme volunteers have continued to help people in the village by putting out bins and recycling, providing telephone company. We've also been able to help people with some technical issues they were having with their computers.

As we move well into spring and summer, if you or someone you know has mobility issues and could benefit by having a few people round to do a 'garden blitz' please contact us. This is where a number of volunteers get together and complete simple gardening tasks (weeding, trimming and digging) for a couple of hours.

If 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](mailto: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 are on our website at [http://www.pucklechurch.org/html/good\\_neighbours.htm](http://www.pucklechurch.org/html/good_neighbours.htm)

**Memory Café**

A relaxed, informal and free drop in providing support for people living with dementia and their carers. Various activities organised along with refreshments and friendly faces!

**ADMISSION FREE!**

Starting on Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Doynnton Village Hall BS30 5SY.  
from 2.00pm until 4.00pm with a Jubilee Celebration and on the first Thursday afternoon of every month.  
Contact :0781 731 1001/ 078531 79721

## Pucklechurch Parish Council – Chair’s report Summer 2022

### Annual Meeting of the Parish: thank you

The Annual Meeting of the Parish is open to all electors and must be held once a year between the 1 March and 1 June. This is not however a Parish Council meeting and is provided as an opportunity for parishioners to discuss any matters related to the parish, to meet councillors and to exchange views and comments. This year the meeting was organised to take place at Eagle Crescent on Saturday 2nd April because it enabled residents to view and comment on the exciting designs that had been drawn up for a more inclusive and upgraded play area there. Thankfully the rain stayed away, and we were joined by several residents who were able to view colourful plans and large-scale images produced by HAGS (the Council’s preferred contractor). Residents were encouraged to ask questions and to make comments about the design and these were recorded and then discussed at the next Full Council meeting (see more below). Other subjects that were raised included concerns about trees that had become a ‘nuisance’ due to their size and position, as well as damage to the grass verge by lorries. Our thanks are extended to everyone who came along and who made this such a worthwhile departure from what has been arranged before.

### Eagle Crescent Play Area: contract awarded

Council considered the public response to the Eagle Crescent play area proposals at its Full Council meeting which took place on April 22nd and unanimously agreed, subject to references, to appoint HAGS as the contractor to deliver the play area upgrade. HAGS has been manufacturing and installing outdoor play and sports & fitness equipment for over 70 years and Council was impressed with how well the designs had met the brief with regard to inclusivity as well as value for money.

### Planning Applications: PPC responses

The Local Planning Authority for Pucklechurch Parish is South Gloucestershire Council. It is the Planning Authority that makes decisions whether or not to approve/refuse applications and they do this by testing proposals against published policy. Parish Council is a statutory consultee for planning applications and responds to all that are submitted for developments within the parish boundary, as well as any submitted near or adjacent to it that could have an impact on our community.

To say that the planning system is complex would be an understatement, but an important consideration is that the system is there to enable the process of development, not to stop it. It is not enough to say that an application should be refused because you don’t want or like it, or because of the number of people that object – success or failure depends on how what is proposed does or does not meet local plan requirements and detailed policy. Parish Council discusses proposals at Full Council meetings and assesses each application on its own merit: it considers a variety of published planning policy documents as well as local knowledge in these matters. A list of the applications to be discussed at any given meeting is published as an itemised list on the meeting agenda. Residents may make their views known to the Parish Council with regard to these applications under the terms of public participation: they may also make comments directly to SGC via its website. In the interest of transparency, and so that residents can see the comments submitted by Council as soon as possible, we have decided to publish these in full as items on the NEWS tab on the Parish Council website, as well as incorporating them within meeting minutes - this makes them much easier to find and read.

### Parish Council: resignations, co-options and vacancies

I am pleased to report that Council has recently co-opted Jon Bailey to become a Councillor to join its ranks, but sadly that Caroline Phillips has now also decided to stand down. Caroline had been a Councillor since 2017, and as a Shortwood resident did a sterling job in representing views from beyond the village centre, and in doing so has played a vital role in reminding us that we act as a Council on behalf of the whole parish – thank you Caroline. This means that we have two vacancies on Council. A notice regarding the casual vacancy that has occurred as the result of Caroline’s departure has been placed on our website – this is a legal requirement since an election will be held to fill this vacancy if a request for an election is given to the Returning Officer at South Gloucestershire Council by ten electors for our area no later than 10th June 2022. If no request for an election is given, the Parish Council is empowered to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Could you be a voice for the people of Pucklechurch? Perhaps you live in Shortwood and would like to fill the gap. By putting yourself forward to become a Councillor today you can enable residents to have a say in what happens tomorrow. Councils benefit from being made up of all types of people - you don’t need any special qualifications just a common-sense approach to life and a willingness to offer opinions and seek solutions. Our meetings are friendly and welcoming... and sometimes we even have cake! Please contact me or our Clerk if you want to find out more – all our contact details can be found at [www.pucklechurchparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.pucklechurchparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### And Finally.....

Best wishes and good luck to everyone organising a Jubilee event and all those involved in delivering this year’s Revel – the first since the beginning of the pandemic...HURRAH!  
Gail Boyle, Chair, PPC

## PUCKLECHURCH VILLAGE TRIPS 2022

If you are interested in the following trips please email [pucklechurchvillagetrips@gmail.com](mailto:pucklechurchvillagetrips@gmail.com) or contact Elaine on 01179373105:-

July 5th - Weymouth

August 2nd - Sidmouth

The coach picks up from the village hall.

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## Pucklechurch Cricket Club receives lifesaving defibrillator from local housebuilder

Pucklechurch Cricket Club, has received a life-saving defibrillator from local housebuilder Redrow South West.

Pucklechurch Cricket Club currently has three adult teams, an All Stars Cricket team for 5 to 8-year-olds and a Dynamo Cricket team for 9 to 11-year-olds. In addition to this there is also a recently established ladies softball team.

Ryan Watts, 1st XI Captain at the cricket club, was present at the defibrillator demonstration. He said: “As a captain you always feel responsible for your teams. A defibrillator is an essential tool to save the life of someone in the event of them suffering a cardiac arrest. It is very reassuring to be prepared should any such accident occur at the cricket club in the future.”

Members of the cricket club will be able to easily access the defibrillator by the changing room.

The defibrillator gives voice prompts and easy to understand visuals that guide the user through treating a patient who is suffering a cardiac arrest.

Clive Setter from Heartsafe AED locator who supplied the equipment and provided training for the club said: “This is one of the most highly developed defibrillators on the market.

“We are fortunate to have an incredible ambulance service in this country and calling 999 should always be the first call of action in any emergency. However, without a defibrillator there is only about a three or four per cent chance of survival for someone with cardiac arrest. A defibrillator, good CPR and getting to the patient within seven or eight minutes, can increase the success rate by 50 to 70 per cent.”

Charlotte Newnes, Area Sales Manager in the South West was also present at the demonstration. She said: “The training experience has been incredibly thought-provoking. It has shown me just how important it is that clubs and locations where people gather have access to a defibrillator.

“Here at Redrow we want to contribute to a safe and healthy community - not just at our developments but also in the surrounding areas. We are thrilled to be able to provide this valuable, potentially life-saving resource to Pucklechurch Cricket Club.”



## GARDENERS’ CLUB



As I write this, I am looking at my garden in the early morning sunshine and thinking how colourful it is at this time of year, with spring flowers making a beautiful display.

At our April meeting we invited Andrew Jeanes from Thorncroft Clematis Nurseries to give us some tips on growing clematis. Andrew explained the different types of clematis using a slide show, and even brought some plants for sale.

At the AGM held on 4th May, members voted the committee on again. After the business was completed, Elisabeth Heal was awarded the Frank Bradley Trophy for being 1st with 12 points for our monthly competition, with Caroline Carter 2nd with 8 points, and Annette Fuerstenberg in 3rd place with 7 points.

With all meetings at an end until our autumn program starts in October, the residential trip to North Wales is 16-18th July, closely followed by our summer supper on Friday 22nd July. So, fingers crossed for fine growing weather this summer and enjoy your gardens with family, friends, and no doubt a few glasses of wine!

See you again in October with a new programme. Visitors are most welcome to come along. Club News 2022 contact Sallie Brooks: [sallie61@me.com](mailto:sallie61@me.com)

St Aldams Farm, Kemps Garden Centre & Elmwood Nursery offer members 10% discount on plants when membership card is presented

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

## All the latest news from Emersons Green library

On Tuesdays our FREE weekly preschool Story Time continues at 9.30am. There is now no need to book so please feel free to come along.

Meanwhile on Thursdays our FREE weekly preschool Rhyme Time also continues at 9.30am. This remains a popular session so for the time being please email us on [emersonsgreen.library@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:emersonsgreen.library@southglos.gov.uk) to book a place.

Whether you and your pre-school child attend either of these sessions or not, please ask library staff about your FREE BookStart pack of goodies, anytime during our staffed hours (Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays 10am - 5.30pm and Saturdays 9.30am - 1pm).

On Fridays our helpful Digital Champion is available to help you with IT, laptop, tablet or iPhone enquiries. These are FREE sessions. Please book ahead by asking library staff, calling 01454 865022, or emailing the address above.

The date of our next monthly Lego Clubs are Saturdays 4th June and 2nd July from 10am – 11am. Again pre-booking is required as these sessions are popular!

Also, Emersons Green Library will be staffed up until 4.30pm on Saturday 18th June as part of the Three Greens Festival. We will also be running special story times and craft sessions throughout day.

\*\*Coming soon to a library near you – the 2022 Summer Reading Challenge is called Gadgeteers and launches on Saturday 9th July. Please ask staff for details about how your child can get rewards for reading this summer\*\*