

Welcome to your new look Pucklechurch News. Following a tender process, we have a new team for the design and print of the newsletter. We would like to thank Adrian at Ensign Print for printing Pucklechurch News over many years.

## Pucklechurch Ladies Group

I am pleased to report that we have gone from strength to strength since leaving the WI and moving to the Pucklechurch Village Sports and Social Club. We are grateful to the club as our new venue has given us a bigger, more flexible space and enabled the Group to increase membership and provide a more varied programme of speakers.

Over the past few months our members have enjoyed the Storm Force Ten Sea Shanty group, seated keep fit, a Christmas party with buffet, skittles and crafts, lunch at the Royal Oak in Chipping Sodbury and a quiz.

We've also received interesting talks about the Siston Archaeological Community Dig and making Wills.

Coming up there are visits from the Freewheelers volunteer motorcyclists and Medical Detection Dogs.

Also, we will be holding a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 17th June with proceeds going to Revel.

Unfortunately, we can't take on any more members at present, but if you would like to go on to a waiting list give me a call.

Marilyn Palmer,  
Secretary 0117 9373761

## Good Neighbour Scheme

The Good Neighbour Scheme has been quiet over the past few months, as we haven't had any calls for help during the spring months.

Don't forget we are available to help with such things as a "garden blitz" where several volunteers will weed and generally tidy up your garden if you're unable to do it. We can also offer support with small household tasks such as changing light bulbs and fuses, filling in forms, putting out bins and re-cycling or providing in person or telephone company. If you have regular helpers, we may be able to step in if they are unavailable due to holidays or illness.

## Pucklechurch Parish Council: Notes from the Chair

It's nice to be able to start my report with a welcome to a new councillor. Many of you will no doubt know Su Reid who was co-opted to council at our February meeting. Su's co-option means that we are now back to the full complement of 9 councillors, and by the time you read this she will have attended several meetings.

### St. Aldam's Play Area Update

As previously reported, our contractor (Proludic) displayed their proposed winning design at the Community Centre Hall on Saturday 1st March and collected comments with which to inform the final design. The council was pleased to see younger members of the parish attending the community engagement meeting and following public feedback, seating will now be added to the project. All being well, works are due to begin on 19th May and will be completed before the end of June. In other play area news, council have agreed to commission and install a new piece of equipment in the form of a 'mini goal end' at the Parkfield play area.

### Proposed removal of the payphone in Pucklechurch

Council discussed its response to the proposed removal of the telephone at its meeting in April and decided to make a case for it to be retained. Several justifications were offered including our rural location, the needs of an elderly population and residents without access to a mobile phone, as well as the potential need for emergency use given its close proximity to two defibrillators. Should BT decide to remove the phone, the listed kiosk will remain in situ and could be adopted for community purposes. We await the outcome of the consultation.

### Scout Hut - Handover to council

In November 2024, council received written notification that the Scouts wished to relinquish and formally handover the Scout hut to the council. Since council agreed that it was important for the hut to be retained as a community facility, solicitors for both parties have been in correspondence to produce a deed of surrender. The retention of the hut will enable its continued use by Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, as well as other community groups and hirers. Works to improve the building are being researched and planned.

And finally, much work has been done recently to respond to the South Gloucestershire Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation. Our submission can be read in full on the council website at [https://www.pucklechurchparishcouncil.gov.uk/Planning\\_and\\_Consultations\\_33846.aspx](https://www.pucklechurchparishcouncil.gov.uk/Planning_and_Consultations_33846.aspx)

Gail Boyle PPC Chair

This is not an exhaustive list, so if you have anything you think we could help with, please contact us and we can come to have a chat with you.

We'll have a stall at the Revel, so do pop along and have a chat about the activities we can support you with, how we may be able to help you or someone you know.

In the meantime, if you or someone you know would benefit from our help, do 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.

## South Gloucestershire Council report

The Regulation 19 Local Plan consultation ended on 11th April. SGC is now collating the feedback and, where appropriate, making changes to the Plan before submitting it for independent examination. It will probably be ready to send by the end of September.

The planning application (P24/02055/F) for change of use of the land opposite Meadow View, Shortwood Road has been refused. This was for change of use of land to traveller's site with the erection of day room, stable block, siting of two mobile homes and two touring caravans, creation of hardstanding, access onto a classified highway and associated works.

Reasons for refusal were: Green Belt, failure to enhance the character and distinctiveness, and visual amenity of the landscape, and contrary to the guidance contained within the Siston Conservation Area SPD (supplementary planning guidance).

Otherwise, there is little to report as, because of the WECA mayoral Elections, the Council has been in purdah. This means that during the election period the local authority must observe discretion about making any new announcements or decisions that could influence voters.

By Marilyn Palmer

## Pucklechurch Scarecrow Results

The May Bank Holiday weekend brought out the sunshine and people came in droves to take part in the Scarecrow Trail this year. It was a tremendous success, thanks to all who took part. We raised approximately £3,400 after costs were taken out.

The favourite scarecrow prize, as voted by the visitors on the trail, went to no. 48, Groot. The lucky dip scarecrow prize went to no. 20, produced by the 1st Pucklechurch Brownies, Harry Potter, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger. We are told that during the making of these, there was lots of drawing round real children which must have been fun! The winner of the most correctly guessed scarecrow names was Frances, from Pucklechurch. Congratulations to all of you.

A very special thank you to all our wonderful scarecrow creators. The entries were phenomenal and the winning entry was a very close call. We'd also like to thank all the individuals and companies that sponsored us. We had some amazing prizes and special thanks to the Prison who provided so much support.

We love organising this special village event, but we are very short on numbers for our committee and/or volunteers over the 2 days. If you would like to take part, please contact us to ask for more information on this email address: [pucklechurchscarecrow@gmail.com](mailto:pucklechurchscarecrow@gmail.com).

Planning commences in January and we meet monthly. This is a church run event but, although we would love you to join us as part of the body of Christ, the church, please don't think you have to be a regular churchgoer to help. Everyone is welcome.

We hope you had a good weekend and enjoyed seeing the village full of life as families and friends toured

## Emersons Green Library

### Author talks by historical novelists Ali Bacon and Jean Burnett at Emersons Green Library

You are welcome to join historical fiction authors Ali Bacon and Jean Burnett discussing their books at Emersons Green Library on Saturday 7th June at 2pm.

Tickets are just £5.00 [sglibraries.eventbrite.com](https://sglibraries.eventbrite.com)

Ali Bacon's latest historical novel, *The Absent Heart*, published in March 2025, is inspired by the letters of Robert Louis Stevenson (who was known to one of Ali's ancestors), to Frances Sitwell.

Previous novels include *In the Blink of an Eye*, inspired by the partnership of an Edinburgh artist and photographer, and *A Kettle of Fish*, a novel for young adults. Ali has also had short story successes, winning the Evesham Festival of Words Adult Short



Story competition and Bristol Short Story Prize. She lives in Emersons Green.

<https://alibacon.com>

Jean Burnett's first book *Who Needs Mr Darcy?* or *The Bad Miss Bennet*, picks up the story where *Pride and Prejudice* left off, following the exploits of the youngest Bennet sister, Lydia. A sequel followed, *Scandal in the Sun*, formerly *The Bad Miss Bennet Abroad*. Writing as Fran Kempton, Jean has published the first book of an Italian trilogy, *The Devil's Tune*.

Jean has previously edited the diaries of a Victorian traveller, Maria Caroline Bolitho and written a travel memoir, *Vagabond Shoes*. Wanting to try something completely different, Jean has recently completed a book for children set in Roman Britain, conveniently researched in Bath.

[www.jeanburnett.co.uk](http://www.jeanburnett.co.uk)

our streets, had fun together and the community pulled together for the benefit of all.

To stay in touch with us, please visit our Facebook page @PucklechurchScarecrowTrail or our website [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11799/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11799/)

From the St Thomas à Becket Church Scarecrow Committee





## Happy Summer Pucklechurch Parish and Revellers!

With only a couple of weeks to go until the big day, lots of things have been happening. As you may know, Revel has taken the decision to cancel the Friday night Beer Festival and focus solely on the Saturday day and evening.

Revel Quiz will take place on Tuesday 17th June in the CA Social club from 7:30pm, booking is advisable, teams with maximum of 6 members and £2 per person.

There are a lot of activities planned for Revel Day which is Saturday 21st June. Omie has been busy booking stalls for the day and if you are interested in holding a stall for either your business or group, please contact Omie Flook at [pucklechurch.revel@gmail.com](mailto:pucklechurch.revel@gmail.com)

Children's entertainment has been booked courtesy of the Parish Council and their Parish Grant award scheme. Children's races and Tug Of war are planned as well as music from singer Angie from 2pm, and a Country & Western band 52nd State on stage from 4:30pm, both taking place in the hall.

The Parade will leave Hill View at 11:45am, returning to the Rec at roughly 12:15pm. If you can help marshall the parade, Revel will appreciate the support.

The Beer & Cider Festival will commence at 7pm in the Village Hall on Saturday evening where local band 'Rockmungus' will be playing. Please contact Pucklechurch Revel if you would like a ticket which are £5.00 per person. This event is strictly over 18s.

The official trifold with all the Revel news will be out from the beginning of June. Revel are always looking for volunteers and if you would like to get involved, please contact Revel Chair on 07789707278 or email [pucklechurch.revel@gmail.com](mailto:pucklechurch.revel@gmail.com)

## GARDENERS CLUB

After a very dry start to Spring for us gardeners, and some really cold nights, I have resorted to starting my seeds in the spare bedroom, as much too cold in my unheated greenhouse.



At our March meeting we invited David Usher to give a talk on 'The Restoration of Hestercombe' near Taunton. David explained the history of the house & gardens, while showing some lovely slides of the estate, which everyone found very interesting. Afterwards, Jean asked David to judge the club competition of 'Saucer of Hellebore Heads' which Martin Hall won. We are looking forward to visiting Hestercombe in July for our club trip.

With the growing season under way, the April meeting kicked off with a very informative talk from speaker Nick Morgan, who talked us through a 'Productive year in a small Greenhouse'. Afterwards Nick was bombarded with many questions, so I think we all came away with a few tips. The club competition of 'A single Tulip' was judged by Nick and won by Alison Williams followed by everyone enjoying coffee & biscuits.

The AGM report will be included in the August edition with all meetings at an end until the new Autumn program commences in October. We have the trip to Hestercombe gardens to look forward to on Sunday 6th July where we are hoping for good weather. The Annual Summer Supper, which will be held at Martin Hall's garden in Shortwood, is on Friday 18th July.

Yet again, fingers crossed for a warm evening and here's to hoping for a lovely long warm, sunny summer where we can admire all the back-aching work we have accomplished this spring. Time then to sit & enjoy our gardens & enjoy a well earned glass of something!!

Club news 2025 Contact Sallie Brooks: [sallie61@me.com](mailto:sallie61@me.com) D. Kemps Garden Centre & Elmwood Nurseries offer members 10% discount on plants when a recent membership card is presented.

## Telling the time in Pucklechurch (A Bit of Pucklechurch Past: No 1)

St. Thomas à Becket church tower may be home to the most prominent clock in the village, but this was not always the case, in fact the clock was once 'faceless' and only struck the hours. The clock and the dial you see today were installed in 1923, and given in memory of Rev. S.G. Gillum who was Vicar of Pucklechurch 1891 – 1910.

However, aside from the clock itself, the church is also home to two other 'time pieces' that take the form of sundials. One sits at the apex of the porch roof where you can still see the remains of a traditional sundial with badly rusted projections called 'gnomons'. These are the pieces that cast a shadow as the sun moves over from east to west. Given that it is extremely hard to see a shadow at that height, it is possible the dial was originally positioned elsewhere and ended up there when the porch roof was replaced in the 1800s, who knows.

You have to look much harder for the other dial, which can be seen scratched into the stonework to the right of the door at about head height. It takes the form of a circle with a series of lines that radiate out from a small hole at the centre. The hole was where a horizontal stick or metal rod was fitted and this would function as the gnomon, which would cast the shadow across the dial making it possible to tell the time. This type of dial is sometimes called a 'mass dial' since they are thought to mark the times of services at the church. They are usually found on a south facing wall and are medieval, dating anywhere between 1100 to 1600 AD. Our dial is one of about 3000 that have so far been identified across the country, but even though it is not unique, it is still an important bit of our local history, and a direct link with all those people that used it hundreds of years ago. Take a look and reconnect with them next time you walk through the church yard.

Gail Boyle



## Tower Playgroup

We have had a fantastic time at playgroup since returning after the Easter Holidays. We really enjoyed making our Humpty Dumpty scarecrow for the Scarecrow Trail and are looking forward to all of our exciting summer activities.

We are extremely delighted and proud to share our recent Ofsted report with you, which took place on 26th March. We achieved Outstanding in all areas. Here are some of the statements received from the Ofsted inspector:

- Children thrive in this rich learning environment, eager to learn, confident and happy. Staff with their advanced skills and knowledge, have developed a highly ambitious curriculum that caters to children of all ages and backgrounds, guiding them to achieve exceptional progress in their learning and development.
- They provide outstanding support to children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), who make remarkable progress from their individual starting points.
- Children of all ages are supported in developing advanced mathematical skills and confidence. Pre-school children have mathematical skills beyond their age.
- There is a strong focus on developing children's literacy skills. Young children recognise the letters that start their friends' names as well as their own. Older children confidently recognise short words.
- Staff quickly recognise when children need extra support. Staff ensure children make outstanding progress while waiting for additional help.
- Parents say that staff form close relationships with children, and that children make excellent progress, particularly in their social communication skills. Parents highly recommend the setting and some are willing to travel long distances for their child to attend.
- Children's happiness and progress are at the heart of everything they do, to help children persevere and make exceptional progress.

We would like to thank our parents for all their wonderful reviews and continued support. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for details of our 50th Anniversary celebrations later this year. We are now taking enquires for September, please feel free to pop in and see us, no appointment necessary, or give us a call on 07722029077.

Please contact us if you need us to make any changes  
Katherine and Maria

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## Pucklechurch Book Club

If you love a good book and connecting with new people, our village book club may be the place for you. On the second Tuesday of each month, we gather at the snug in The Rose & Crown pub to dive into a new book, share our thoughts, and connect over our love of reading and our little village.

The book club started just over a year ago and we have now grown our Facebook group to over 150 members and regularly welcome between 10 and 15 people to each meeting. Every month we meet at least one new face, and we are always happy to see more people get involved and debate our current reads.

Some of our past reads are memoirs such as Educated by Tara Westover, thrillers like Listen for the Lie by Amy Tintera and The Housemaid by Freida McFadden with all sorts of genres and themes in between. The books aren't always five stars, but the discussions and friendships made along the way certainly are!

Many of our members agree that the best part of book club is the great friends we have made and some of us regularly meet up for other social events in the village. As one member put it, "It's got me reading much more and I've made some new friends and a lovely, relaxing way to spend an evening." Another captured the spirit of our gatherings perfectly, "Great group of readers. What happens at book club stays at book club."

If you want to get involved just search Pucklechurch Book Club on Facebook and join our group. Don't have Facebook? Keep an eye out for posters around the village sharing the current book pick and the next meeting's date and time. The club is completely free to attend; you are just responsible for getting hold of your own book and we kindly ask that you purchase a drink to thank the pub for letting us use their space for free.

See you on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm in the Snug at The Rose & Crown, Pucklechurch.

Alongside our regular meetings, we're excited to be organising a Book Fair at Chipping Sodbury Town Hall on 19th July, with all profits donated to children's charities in the UK and abroad. More information about the fair will be shared locally soon – we'd love your support!

Lexie Day

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## Pucklechurch Village Trips

June 3rd - Torquay & Brixham

July 1st - Weymouth

August 5th - Sidmouth Folk Festival

September 2nd - The Mumbles & Swansea

October 7th - Worcester

November 4th - London

December 2nd - Exeter Christmas market

If you would further information, please contact:

pucklechurchvillagetrips@gmail.com

or phone or text Elaine on 07940207559

## NEWS FROM THREE SHIRES MEDICAL PRACTICE

Our article in the Spring edition of Pucklechurch News outlined the ongoing issues facing GP practices like ours. We have now been given a one-year contract for 2025/26 while negotiations proceed for a three or four-year contract from April 2026. A longer-term contract should at least give us more certainty about how we manage the increasing demands on our services in the future. The current increased budget will not cover increases in staffing and rising utility costs so ongoing savings will be needed to keep all four surgeries open.



### One Big Thank You!

We would like to thank the Friends of Three Shires Surgeries for raising funds for us to be able to buy the following pieces of equipment.

- 2 New Examination Couches for Marshfield and Pucklechurch
- 3 New Pulse Oximeters for Colerne, Marshfield and Pucklechurch

So far The Friends have raised more than £19,000 enabling the purchase of emergency packs, two privacy screens and a new defibrillator for each surgery in addition to the equipment above. We are extremely grateful and very touched by your amazing generosity. Contributions can be made to Friends of Three Shires by cheque or electronically, the account details are, sort code 30 99 50 and account number 54449863, or you could use this QR code.



A relaxed, informal and **free** drop in café, providing support for people with dementia along with a family member, carer, or friend.

The café meets from 2-4 on the first Thursday in every month in Doynton Village Hall, BS30 5SY



## What's Happening at HMP Ashfield

We're proud to be printing the next edition of Pucklechurch News and hope our print and design workshop continues to deliver a high-quality product for the community.

In support of St Thomas à Becket Church's Scarecrow Challenge and cream tea event, we donated 144 scones and printed the trail maps. The car park was also opened to visitors, helping ease pressure on local roads.

Having partnered with Susan Hampshire House, a care home in Yate supporting adults with learning difficulties, the Reclaimers team is supplying garden furniture and planters, while staff volunteers are helping to tidy up the gardens.

Our Reclaimers are also supporting Cashmore Early Years Centre in Barton Hill with a garden project. As a nursery school serving a disadvantaged area, where many children live in high rise flats, their garden is vital for health, wellbeing and early learning.

A planter was recently created for Christ Church in Downend where we are continuing to produce a variety of items through the Reclaimers team. These include planters, bird boxes, bug houses, outdoor tables and chairs, and recycling bins, all made from reclaimed pallet wood. If you have a project in mind or simply want a garden planter, we'd love to hear from you.

The design and print workshop offers services including flyers, banners, mugs, t-shirts, media displays and more. We're keen to support local events and businesses in the area.

We're currently conducting an ecological survey of our grounds to enhance biodiversity and support local wildlife.

Additionally, we're preparing to install electric vehicle chargers in our car park. Once operational, they'll be available for community use. Updates will be shared via the Parish Council website.

For all social value enquiries, please contact:

**dave\_oakes@serco.com**

Our theme for June is Animals! We hope to have a visit from some small animals who are used to meeting children and other groups of people in a setting like ours. Members of the Memory Café will be encouraged to bring a treasured teddy and photos of their pets. A sports day will be the focus of our café in July. There will be quizzes and activities based on sports that we enjoyed in our younger days. Weather permitting, there may even be some "Egg and Spoon" racing. The session will finish with singing, which is always popular and followed by The BIG RED BALLOON!

**Come along and enjoy the tea, cake and lots of fun!**

**Tel 07817311001 for more info or find us on Facebook**





## GUIDE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

VE Day celebrations honoured those who fought so bravely to end the war in Europe, but did you know about the Guide International Service which was supported and partially funded by the Government. Their aim was to give help after the war ended. Those wishing to join had to undertake rigorous training. They slept on the floor for seven nights, put up a bed, dressed in the dark, practiced walking and navigating at night without a torch. Lighting three consecutive fires in the open with only one match and cooked meals in the wet. They should seek to train when hungry, thirsty or tired or all three.

During a Test Camp in January 1943 trainees stepped down from a train in Wales and hauled their trek cart of luggage uphill into the Welsh mountains, in a gale, stopping overnight in an empty school. The next day they trekked higher to a barn, began cooking a stew then had to go out to push a car out of the snow. The following day they were asked to cook a meal for 80 members of the Home Guard situated even higher up the hills five miles away.

In 1944 GIS were one of the first teams to 'be prepared' and were sent to Athens, where many Greeks who'd been taken hostage, were returning starving and barefoot. GIS managed to feed 250 soldiers in a building with no water, light, fuel, sanitation or stores having persuaded the British Army to supply rations. Another team went to Arnhem where fighting was only three miles away. Dutch people taken for forced labour were returning, again starving and poorly clothed. GIS provided the only available food, Army biscuits, evaporated milk, dried peas, tinned meat and vegetables, the latter being made into soup. In 1945 GIS volunteers were sent to Bergen Belsen where they were confronted with 14,000 cold hungry people from 22 countries. GIS nurses helped people on the road to recovery, and worked with others to help Displaced Persons resettle in other countries. Nearly 200 Guiding volunteers from six countries served in the GIS. We are proud of this legacy.

Information taken from "Leslie's Guiding History" which can be found online at <https://lesliesguidinghistory.com>



## 1<sup>ST</sup> PUCKLECHURCH Guides

We recently celebrated World Thinking Day and learnt the origins of Scouting on Brownsea Island which led to the formation of Girl Guides in 1910. Lots of fun was had when 'zip wires' were constructed to see how fast 'teddy' could slide down! This was followed by soothing scribbles and soothed Guides.

Our competent Young Leaders organised 'awful adverts' making everyone think about how adverts can be skewed to make people want certain products, something useful to remember. This was followed by a games night and a human 'knitting' team game which was challenging and competitive.

All guides contributed to our fundraising craft stalls at the Abson, Doynton, and Dyrham and Hinton WI. The girls made macrame 'keyring dolls', bracelets and hair wraps, learning a variety of useful knots. A small group, headed by Sally, made a splendid Gru and two Minions, drawing much attention during the Scarecrow Hunt, well done.

Lyn Ford kindly allowed us into her grounds to learn how to gather and grade wood into a pile ready for fire lighting. The Guides listened and all four patrols managed to successfully light their fires using only one match. The reward, toasting marshmallows of course! Mmm. Everyone helped put out the fires and clear up before going home wearing our traditional 'woodsmoke' perfume.

Guides going on international trips to Belgium and Sweden have held, or are holding, their own fundraising events. Aimee sold cakes during the Scarecrow Hunt, and Evie and Nancie sold croc charms at a car boot sale. Daisy is doing a car wash in conjunction with her Dad's workplace and Katie is helping at Iron Acton's fair, where she now lives. As a Unit, we are continuing to support the girls and those attending the Kent International Jamboree. Thank you to all who have supported our efforts so far.

As usual, if you are interested in joining us as a girl aged 10-14, or as an adult, contact Ros Abbott 07709639846

## HMP Ashfield Security Department

Hi Pucklechurch,

Recent news has highlighted various risks and threats faced by prisons nationwide. At HMP Ashfield, our top priority is to ensure a safe, decent and secure environment for everyone. To help us achieve this, we are appealing to the local community for assistance. If you notice anything suspicious related to the prison, please report it to us.

Here are some things to watch out for:

- Unusual activity around the grounds at night
- Drones flying in the area
- Overheard conversations about the prison
- Questions being asked by strangers about the prison.

Your vigilance and support are greatly appreciated, Thank you. Please call **0117 303 8000** to report concerns.



## Pucklechurch Community Association

By the time you read this, the current committee will have been in post for a year and the AGM will have been held on the 14th May. It's been a steep learning curve for all of us, but we'd like to thank our wonderful user groups for helping us keep our Community Centre a thriving hub for a wide range of activities. If you're looking for a new hobby, or want to hire one of our spaces, look us up at [www.pucklechurchcommunity/>centre.org](http://www.pucklechurchcommunity/>centre.org)

As you may already know, the Revel suffered a financial hit last year, due to the poor weather and the increasing costs of running this kind of event. We were approached by Revel and asked if the Beer Festival could be held in the Community Centre. This approach will help to reduce the overheads and ensure the event could go ahead this year and future years. Following various discussions and meetings, the committees of the PCA, Revel and the Social Club confirmed that this approach was viable and are pleased to be able to put this plan in place. It will take place on Saturday 21st June in the main hall.

Work continues to improve the building and facilities. We recently had an Energy Use Survey done in conjunction with South Gloucestershire Council, who researched different grants we can apply for towards the cost of improvements. The survey included a thermal inspection, identifying several old windows and doors that are inefficient at keeping warmth in the building. PCA are currently in the process of arranging quotes for the work in order to apply for the grants. Obviously, there are no guarantees, but we hope to get at least some of the work done to improve efficiency and save money which can be used to improve the centre.

Thankfully, we have seen a decline in the amount of fly tipping occurring around our bins. Some of what does get left there, is overflow for the charity clothes bank. To create more capacity, we are looking into obtaining another receptacle installed next to the current one to double capacity.

Just a polite reminder that with the exception of the clothes bank, all the bins located in the car park are for the use of the Community Centre only and are not for public use. Thank you for your cooperation.

## PICKLEBALL IN PUCKLECHURCH

Pickleball is a paddle sport combining elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis. It's played on a badminton sized court, with a modified tennis net. Players use a paddle bat and a perforated ball, which are supplied by the club. The sport is known for being easy to learn and fun to play.

We have an adult only group that play in the village hall, three evenings throughout each month, 7pm till 10pm. For more information, please contact Tim Moss or Helen Moss on 0785010963 for more information.

### Pickleball in Pucklechurch



Alternate Tuesday evenings in the Community Centre  
7.00pm - 10.00pm

Interested? Contact Tim Moss 0785010963

## The Rose & Crown

What's That Gromit, Puckle-Fest 2025 is Coming? We are excited to announce for the 3rd year running Puckle-Fest will be returning on Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd August.

Puckle-fest is a fun filled FREE music weekend jam packed with entertainment for the whole family, this year will be bigger and better than ever! Some of the amazing music acts including a Dolly Parton tribute, the 7,8,9's, and many who have previously performed such as Billy Driscoll, Sam Eason and The Naughty Steps will be joining us again this year.

Over the past 2 years we have helped raised over £3000 for both Pucklechurch & Wick Primary schools. This year we are excited to be raising funds this year for Yate Rugby Charity. And if that wasn't enough excitement, we have a very special guest staying with us for 9 weeks from 30th June.

### A GROMIT!

This Gromit will be included as part of the Gromit Unleashed 3 Trail happening around Bristol and the surrounding areas this summer. Not only is this a great free activity to do with the children, but it is also a great cause raising much needed funds for The Grand Appeal.

Follow us on our social media for updates of all things Puckle-Fest and Gromit related.

Rhi Wilkins



## NSPCC

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning in April where £378.00 was raised.

Do come and see us at Revel, where we will be selling books and cards.

Future events:  
Saturday 15th October  
Coffee Morning at PVSSC St Aldam's Drive  
Saturday 22nd November:  
Skittles at the Village Hall Social Club

If you would like to help with fundraising or have any brilliant ideas for events, please contact Elaine at [elaiejstone15@gmail.com](mailto:elaiejstone15@gmail.com) or text 07940207559.

## Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire is moving within Yate

Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire is very pleased that we will soon be moving to a new address in Yate. A bigger building with more space to help more people face-to-face each week as well as improved facilities.

The charity offers free, independent, confidential advice to anyone who needs it in South Gloucestershire, in areas including but not limited to benefits, debt, housing, cost-of-living issues and relationship breakdown. The new Advice Centre will help it provide a better service than ever before.

The charity will soon be announcing a moving date. The new address will be: **Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire, Unit 1 Badminton Court, Station Road, Yate BS37 5HZ** (what.three.words: [jiffy.validated.flux](https://www.what3words.com/034qg4g4/jiffy.validated.flux))

Look for the building with a clock tower just to the east of Yate Railway Station on Station Road (as shown above right).

The charity is currently carrying out building work at Unit 1 Badminton Court but will soon be ready to move



in, check back on [www.southgloscab.org.uk](http://www.southgloscab.org.uk) and its [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter/X](#) pages as well as the Weekly Round-Up newsletter for more updates.

Once moved, the charity's Monday, Tuesday and Friday **face-to-face open door sessions in Yate** as well as face-to-face appointments, such as for debt or PIP, will no longer take place at Kennedy Way and will happen solely at Unit 1 Badminton Court.

If you have a face-to-face appointment over the coming months, please check the address of where the appointment will take place.

The charity is thankful for your patience during this period and looks forward to sharing the new Advice Centre with you.

If you would like to support the charity with the costs of securing new fire doors, desks and chairs for the new offices, please visit its Crowdfunder at: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/furniture-needed-for-our-new-advice-center>

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