

PUCKLECHURCH NEWS



SUMMER 2018

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REVEL 2018 - MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES

Pucklechurch Revel is the yearly community events organised with the sole purpose of raising money for local groups in the village.

The Revel has been running since its resurrection in 1951 for the festival of Britain but has roots dating back to 1284. With the Beer and Cider Festival joining the foray in 1976.

Today, Revel activities happen throughout the year to maintain and support our village groups.

Over the years Pucklechurch Revel has raised money to build the Village Hall, contributed to the maintenance of the Scout Hut and awarded grants to many of our village groups.

We would not be able to do this without the support of the community and local businesses who always donate either prizes to the many raffles or barrels for the Beer and Cider Festival.

We have already raised so much this year with the support of our local businesses - a Christmas Party, Christmas Sparkle and a Race night with still so much more to come.

By the time you read this the Revel Royal family will have been chosen with the Family disco held on May 12th.

Still to come will be the

Quiz, June 11th at 7:30 with a NEW VENUE – Pucklechurch Village Hall Social Club. Please book in with either the social club after 7pm or Mike Walker News.

June 15-16th - Beer and Cider Festival.

Tickets are on sale now with an early bird special of: Friday 15th - £6, Saturday 16th - £10 and both nights £14. We have music from local band 'Racing Mars' with lead singer Pucklechurch boy/man(!) Tim Wallace on Friday and Bristol based 8 piece Ska band 'The Emperials', who are a long running major force on the UK's Ska scene, on Saturday.

June 16th Revel day – the theme for the parade this year is 'Music Through the Ages' – if you wish to participate please speak to visit www.Pucklechurch.org/revel for more details.

We have over 30 stalls, a new fun fair, classic cars, raffle, entertainment from Didi Dance, The Pucklechurch All Stars Majorette troupe, a magician as well as the dog show, PTA races and music with glam rock band FAB 208.

All of this will be held on the Recreation Field, Pucklechurch, BS16 9RH

We look forward to seeing you there on what I'm sure will be a fun day for all the family!

If you want to keep updated please 'Like us' and check out our Revel pages on Facebook. Further details of the Pucklechurch Revel and Pucklechurch Beer and Cider Festival can be found at www.pucklechurchbeerfestival.org or www.Pucklechurch.org/Revel



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Pucklechurch Parish Council – Chair's Summer Report

We have been very happy to welcome the return of our clerk, Jodie Bailey, from maternity leave. It has been a difficult year without her and we have been unable to action some of our project work. Financially this has meant that the Council was able to ring fence the monies saved for bigger projects as well as not increasing the precept this year. This doesn't mean that we don't still have to catch up on some of our work so welcome back Jodie!. One major project we hope to progress this year is a revamp of the play equipment across the Parish owned play areas. Rest assured this will not be done without consultation and we are also looking forward to working with our school to ensure that new equipment is relevant to the ever changing needs of children of school age. Opportunities will be provided for all our parishioners to give their views on replacement kit as well as the possible introduction of gated dog free play areas for younger children.

For several years our parish council has been requesting that herbicides and other chemicals are not to be used as a matter of course by South Gloucestershire Council anywhere in the parish – I have lost count of the number of letters and emails that have been exchanged on the subject. This has resulted in us being used as a good example of environmental practice by SGC to other parishes and has resulted in a change of policy since we are told:

South Gloucestershire council is a member of the Greater Bristol Pollinator Forum, the local delivery partnership for DEFRA's national pollinator plan which is aiming to try and safeguard the nations pollinating insects and reverse recent dramatic and worrying declines.

One action is to reduce chemical use on public land. This will benefit biodiversity generally,

plants and insects specifically. 2016 trials in one ward and 2 parks in Bristol matched the experience of Pucklechurch parish which opted out of herbicide use 3yrs ago; both with no increase in public complaints. South Gloucestershire has therefore decided to stop using any chemicals on its open space or verges.

The new developments in Oaktree Avenue have commenced. The development will provide the opportunity for people and families to access affordable housing in our area which in turn might bolster the declining pupil numbers in Pucklechurch C of E Primary School. The development Site Managers are available to talk to should the need arise. Information about the development will be posted on the Parish Council website. We have been asked to suggest new street names for the area and have looked to recognise the historical significance of the area with

reference to the protected barrage balloon tether and previous land use.

As many of you will know we employ Huw Morgan as a contractor to help us maintain the parish and I am sure you will agree he does a great job. Huw has taken his role to a new level and will be writing a blog for our website on the environmental differences he is making: watch out for his updates on the inhabitants of our newly placed bird boxes.

Finally, its less than a year to the elections! I believe we should have elections and the Council would be pleased to face one. We currently have two councillor vacancies so if you fancy trying it before the election please speak to the clerk for information.

Best regards BoB Symons, Chair

NB. The Council has now discontinued its land line number and only has the following contact number and email address:

Pucklechurch Parish Council
52 Fouracre Road, Bromley Heath, Bristol BS16 6PG
07535842095
parish.council@pucklechurch.org

Maple Walk

A Maple Walk resident has contacted MP Luke Hall about the poor state of repair of the road surface and has received a response along the following lines:- Whilst South Gloucestershire Council is aware that the condition is 'worn and tired' and has not had maintenance for a long period, it has to be assessed against the rest of the road network in South Gloucestershire. At present, data suggests it will not be treated within the next 3 years.

Dyrham & Hinton Revel

Looking for a local afternoon out? Dyrham & Hinton Revel takes place on Saturday 23 June in Dyrham village starting at 1.45pm. Listen to Oldland Brass Band, enjoy tea and scones, and take part in some fun family activities. If the weather is kind then we will have a gymnastics display at 2.30. We hope it won't be wet but if it is, you'll find all the action taking place at Dyrham Village Hall.

Pucklechurch Ladies Hockey Club Top the Table

A fantastic season! We have played some great hockey and recruited some fab new players. Having won 13 of 18 games, losing only 2, we finished top of the table and have been promoted to Division 1 ready for the start of next season in September.

Although numbers have increased the team has taken the very tough decision to form a merger with another local team to start the new season afresh. We will be named 'Badminton and Pucklechurch Ladies Hockey Club' and will maintain the same ethos as we always have - play hockey and have some fun!

This is an exciting prospect as we will have two teams at different levels of abilities and commitment to offer new or experienced players the opportunity to play! We will continue to train on a Monday evening so if you are interested in getting involved please contact the email address below.

On a further note, due to Pucklechurch LHC changing colours and name we have decided to see if there is any interest in a reunion for anyone who has played or been part of the club over the last 40+ years.

If you are interested contact pucklechurchlhc@gmail.com and we can work towards a "This is your Life" for the club.

Pucklechurch Community Association

Further to our piece in the last edition of Pucklechurch News, our application for the upgrade of the community centre has been amended and resubmitted to South Glos Council, although a response has not yet been received. We hope to be able to provide an update in the next edition and to advise what steps will be taken next.

As requested in previous editions, we would be grateful if you could let us have your ideas or suggestions as to how we could improve the facilities in the community centre for the benefit of the residents of the village.

Please contact Peter Nunez, secretary of Pucklechurch Community Association, by email at : peter.nunez@btinternet.com.

All suggestions and ideas will be most welcome! In addition, we are always interested in talking to anyone who would like to start up a new group in the hall, or wish to book it for a one off event, such as a function, meetings or party.

Please contact Karl Fuerstenberg on 07938 972069 or kfue5634@gmail.com to discuss your requirements.

Fighting Blindness

A big Thank you to all of you who have sent used postage stamps to date. If you would like to help RP Fighting Blindness please send us your used postage stamps (if possible cut outside the perforations) any unwanted bank notes, coins, unwanted Stamp Albums. Please send them to, R&G Pritchard, 22, Huckford Road, Winterbourne, Bristol, BS36 1EA. 01454772927

Email - bristolsglosfightingblindness@gmail.com

GARDENER'S CLUB

Spring has arrived after such a long Winter! I expect like myself, you are busy in the greenhouse getting those seeds started, as we are about 4 weeks behind, due to the very cold weather.



Our first meeting in February saw George Alway give an interesting talk on 'Propagation' and afterwards George answered questions from the floor. The monthly competition of 'A single Helibore' was won by Elizabeth Heal, and after the raffle everyone enjoyed refreshments.

In March we invited Alan Phipps to show us how to grow and care for Cacti, and Alan shared some of his lovely slides with us of his travels in the deserts of America. The competition of 'A single Daffodil' was won by Joyce Harris, and afterwards refreshments were enjoyed.

In April our speaker was Susannah Applegate, who showed us some colourful slides of 'Peonies & Irises' and take questions from members & visitors. The competition of 'A single Tulip' was won by Jean Powell.

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 2nd May.

A list of our new programme can be found, along with our information sheet on the Pucklechurch Community website, under 'Village Groups'. A poster giving our monthly meetings can be found in the window of Pucklechurch Post Office.

St Aldams Farm and Kemps Garden Centre both offer members 10% discount on plants when membership card is presented

For more information about our meetings and activities, please contact: Lynn Bate 01179374297, Val Seaman 01179372095 or Ann Smith 01179372030

Good Neighbours

The Good Neighbour Scheme has continued to help a number of people in the Parish on an ongoing basis and we have received a number of new calls as well.

It was lovely to have a stall in the Church during the Scarecrow Trail - it was great to meet so many people from the village. We always welcome more people. You can give as little or as much time as you like, you get to meet new people and everything is local. Every so often, we meet to discuss the scheme so there is a social aspect to what we do as well.

With Summer around the corner we are getting ready to help those who are vulnerable with their gardens and other Summer tasks. If you would benefit from our help, or know anyone who would, please do get in touch with us.

If you are vulnerable and would like help or you would like to volunteer, you can contact us 07961 939574 or by emailing goodneighbours@pucklechurch.org or <mailto:goodneighbours@pucklechurch.org>.

You can also find more details are on our website at http://www.pucklechurch.org/html/good_neighbours.htm

Larisa, Rodney and Ross Pucklechurch and Shortwood Good Neighbour Scheme Co-ordinators.



Pucklechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The Next Steps

The Pucklechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is working on the next phase of plan development. With the help of our consultants, who have neighbourhood plan expertise, we will be building a foundation of evidence to support our plan, including a survey of residents' opinions on various development issues.

South Gloucestershire Council's new Local Plan, which is in its final stage of development, will identify additional housing targets for Pucklechurch and Shortwood. We have yet to see the numbers, but our neighbourhood plan can help determine where and what kinds of houses are built here.

We also need to establish what kinds of infrastructure and amenities are required to support existing residents and any future growth in the local population. Look out for news of the next survey soon and have your say.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will have a stall at Revel, so stop in and have a chat about future housing and other development in our parish. We want your views!

Can you help?

We need more people to help with our survey and organise the next phase of public consultation. If you are good at data analysis or have experience of public engagement or planning policies, we could use your help.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact us by email at ppnp@pucklechurch.org

Jacki Berry
on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Pucklechurch Scarecrow Trail and Competition 2018

The St Thomas a Becket Scarecrow Competition and Trail was once again well supported by our village and raised over £2084.55.

Thank you to our 43 scarecrow makers this year and congratulations to Robbie Hedges favourite scarecrow, Jaws. The winners of the trail were the Jones family. Well done to them for an excellent returned form!

If you are curious about the answers to the trail, please see our Facebook page @PucklechurchScarecrowTrail or the village website answers to come week beginning 14th May.

The day was full of fun and it was lovely seeing so many families out and about in Pucklechurch, talking, Googling and walking. We hope the trail also benefited our local businesses as many people come from outside the village to do the trail each year.

The Scarecrow Trail helps St Thomas a Becket to maintain the church building and services to the community. It enables us to connect with Puckle-

church and it provides a celebration for and of our community which we trust is a reflection of God in community with His people.

In addition, we would like to say thank you to some unacknowledged contributors this year. A young lady of the parish spent her bank holiday week-end serving refreshments on the trail to weary and overheated trail goers. She raised just over £33 and donated it to church. We are very grateful. This year we reused some scarecrow designs that were created by Pucklechurch School children last year. They were so good we thought they deserved to be seen again. Thank you to them all. We do not have permission to use their names in print, but you know who you are!

If anyone has any particular spiritual need, the church is here to provide for you or point you to people who can help. Please phone our vicar, Stuart Young on 0117 937 2260.

Have a wonderful summer everyone. Here's to Revel!





St. Thomas a Becket Pucklechurch

Sunday 10th June at 3p.m. Revel Songs of Praise followed by 'Bring & Share Tea' drinks provided.

Saturday 17th June from 12 noon – 4p.m.
Church open for refreshments, stalls, books, cakes, teas etc.

Sunday 22nd July at 10a.m. Music Sunday – Family Communion

Sunday 29th July Patronal Festival Service

Ken Richards

On behalf of the whole family I would like to thank those who have shown sympathy and kindness after the sudden death of my husband Ken Richards. It truly meant a great deal to us all. The donation of £447.40 collected at the funeral for Forever Friends RUH was also greatly appreciated as this is a charity very close to our hearts.

Once again many thanks.

Regards
Cheryl Richards & family

Did you know...

South Gloucestershire Council fund a loan scheme for homeowners, for essential home repairs and improvements?*

For more information, visit www.wrcic.org.uk, call 01823 461099, or email enquiries@wrcic.org.uk

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Wessex Resolutions CIC
Heatherton Park Studios,
Bradford on Tone,
Taunton, TA4 1EU

* Subject to Status

Katie Robbins,

**who lives in Pucklechurch,
is a GB Target Sprint athlete.**

Target Sprint is a relatively new sport in the country and involves running 3 x 400 metres interspersed with 2 x 5 knockdown targets, using an air rifle. Katie took up Target Sprint in March 2017 and became the Junior Women's Target Sprint National Champion in September 2017. Target Sprint is a popular sport in other countries such as Germany, Egypt and Czech Republic.

Katie has now been selected to represent Great Britain at the end of May in Ora, Italy where she will compete in an international competition for the first ever time. There are also opportunities to be selected for competitions in Germany, Netherlands and the World Championships in South Korea this year.

Target Sprint is a sport which is currently self-funded, so Katie would appreciate any help or sponsorship to enable her to attend these competitions.

For more information please look Katie up on:

Twitter: @KatieRobbinsGB

Instagram: @katierobbinsgb

Facebook: @KatieRobbinsTargetSprint

Go Fund Me page: gofundme.com/katierobbinstarget-sprint

Email: krobbins0075@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

News and Events from Emersons Green Library

Our regular events include

Tuesdays : 2pm FREE Pre-school story time (term time only)

Tuesdays : Stitch and Knit sessions: 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Share ideas and learn from one another. Bring something you're working on or learn something new. Beginners welcome.

Thursdays 10.30am Rhyme Time (free singing session for pre-school children - term time only)

Thursday (2nd one in month) : Memory Café from 2pm to 4pm. For anyone affected by dementia, or worried about their or someone else's memory
Fridays: 2pm - 4pm Computer Support & Advice available - this is free but pre-booking is usually necessary. Other sessions on Tuesdays by prior arrangement

Saturdays (once a month) : Chatterbooks reading group for 8-11 year olds: 10am to 11am - next meeting is 23rd June.

Saturdays (once a month) : Lego Club 11am - 12pm - next meeting is 2nd June



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1st Pucklechurch Cubs

Pucklechurch Cubs is closed temporarily as we do not have any leaders. Children who would normally be Cub age are attending either Beavers or Scouts depending which is most age appropriate. We are hoping that as Beavers turn 8 we will be able to reopen but this, as ever, is dependent on adults leading the pack so if you are interested please get in touch.

SCOUTS

1st Pucklechurch Scouts

By the time you read this the Scarecrow trail will have taken place. The Scouts have been busy constructing their entry over the last couple of weeks. It is one of the biggest we have ever done and if you have been in the scout hut you will have seen it taking shape. The idea came from the Scouts, the construction idea came from our Young Leader, Lucy, and the implementation was down to the Scouts. I had very little to do with it, but I am very proud of how successful this particular "scarecrow" has been and the work that has gone into it by the Scouts.

Now that we are into May we are looking forward to a number of camps over the summer. The first in June is the "First Steps Cotswold Edge District Jamboree". This will involve over 500 young people from 6 to 18 years old and 150 adults, from our local area. It will be a great opportunity for Pucklechurch Scouts and Beavers to join up with others and see that we are part of a much bigger movement, whilst of course having fun, with mocktails, talent shows, midnight feasts and taking part in challenges like climbing walls and zip wires.

We will be orienteering and thinking about the best way to keep healthy at camp over the next few weeks, getting out and about as the weather improves.

If you are interested in coming to scouts to have a chance to complete activities like these and want to find out more, please contact Rachel Smith – 07736 320003

Vulcan Explorers

On 12th February, Vulcan Explorers ran a very successful Quiz and Curry night at the Fleur de Lys, to help raise funds for their trip to Amsterdam in the summer. They raised an incredible £420. This money will be divided between the Explorers and also St Peter's Hospice. A big thank you to everyone who came along to support us, and also to Nick and Joe for letting us use the pub. We would also like to thank Sue Gunningham-Reid for setting an excellent quiz and also to Steve Ball for his delicious food. Finally, congratulations to "First and Foremost" who came away as the victors.

Pucklechurch Scouts Needs You!

Rachel, our amazing Scout leader, is looking to hang up her hiking boots and pack away her tent after nearly 30 years of volunteering for the Scout and Guide movements. She has enjoyed many activities and camps and has given her valuable time freely to watch many children, just like yours, grow and develop.

We need you! Rachel would love to help someone (or two) to take on this role and make it their own. The sooner this starts the more time and support Rachel will be able to provide, including running Scout meetings alongside you until you find your feet and helping prepare for summer camp next year.

Please dig deep and see if you can give your time to have fun and make a difference to the lives of young people living in Pucklechurch and the surrounding areas.

Phone Rachel Smith on 07736 320003 to express an interest and find out more.

Summer Camp!

A poem by Guy Sidney

When I went on summer camp, it was really wet
but it really was the best camp yet.
We hiked around the forest, looking for orange
stamps, but when we got to Gloucester it was still a
bit damp.
We visited the harbourside and cathedral too,
ate lots of food and tried some things new.
The quiz took us around Cranham and Cotswold
Hills came joint first
then came some whittling to work up a thirst.
Tents packed, flag down, time to say goodbye and
thanks to all the leaders until next time.

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides

All Units are continuing to flourish and have very busy programmes covering all sorts of activities. All would welcome new members, both girls and adults, so if you would like to join the fabulous Girlguiding organisation please contact Ros Abbott, 07709 639846, rosabbott@hotmail.com for further details. We'd love to hear from you.

