

PUCKLECHURCH NEWS



SUMMER 2019

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REVEL

Revel 2019

Revel Thanksgiving

Service June 9th - 6pm

Vicarage , American Supper

This is a free event and open to all

Revel Quiz

June 10th — 7:30pm

Village hall social club

Max teams of 6 - £2 per person –

Proceeds to Revel

BBQ by Pucklechurch Cricket – Proceeds to Cricket

Please book on 01179372102

Revel Beer and Cider Festival



14th and
15th —
7pm-12am

Pucklechurch Recreational field, Early birds on sale now. Friday £6, Saturday £10, both nights £14 **Proceeds to Pucklechurch Revel.**



Ticket can be purchased from the Post Office, Fleur, Star Inn, Social Club and the PVSSC .

We Have the Prophecy Kings on Friday and Retro Electro on Saturday night

Pucklechurch



Revel day

15th June — 11:30-4:45pm

Pucklechurch Recreational field, free entry –

Proceeds to Pucklechurch Revel

Our Theme this Year is Transport through the ages and we have lots of Classic Cars on display as well as stalls and craft from local groups and businesses, fair rides, beer tent and cocktail tent plus entertainment throughout the day.

11:45 - Children's Parade and Royal Family - starting on Hillview

12:15—PTA Children's races

12:45—Diddi Dance

1 pm - Pucklechurch Stars Majorette troop



Email: Pucklechurch.revel@gmail.com

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Facebook: @PucklechurchRevel

Website: <http://pucklechurchbeerfestival.org/>

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Pucklechurch Parish Council – Chair's Report

Elections:

Following a non-contested election I can confirm that the Parish Councillors are:

Gail Boyle
Rick Dunning
Lynne English
Caroline Phillips
Lesley Putt

The Council are now 4 short in number, so will be seeking to co-opt to fill the vacancies. This means there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. If you are interested please contact the Clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting agenda:

By the time you read this, the next annual meeting will have taken place on the 23rd May at 7:00 at Pucklechurch Primary School. The agenda items were:

1. Welcome by the Chair of the Parish Council
2. To confirm the Annual Parish Minutes of 10th May 2018
3. Creative Youth Network – Hannah Panes
4. Avon and Somerset police – PCSO Samantha Derrick
5. Edward Ware Homes – Alex Atkinson
6. Neighbourhood Plan
7. Section 106 Funds
8. Parish Council annual report
9. Group presentations

Minutes will be available on the Parish Council website.

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BoB Symons

Chairman, Pucklechurch Parish Council

PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Progress with the project to extend the Community Centre continues to be slow but we have to follow specific steps, and more administration is required before any actual work can start, particularly with regard to grant funding. However, when completed, the building will provide enhanced facilities for the residents of the village.

A number of existing groups use the facilities of the building, such as Bowls, Badminton, Folk Club, Gardening, Majorettes and Model Flying. Please visit the website for Pucklechurch Community Centre at <http://www.pucklechurchcommunitycentre.co.uk> to obtain more information.

If you are considering starting up a new group for activities that do not currently exist and would like to use the Community Centre, please contact Karl Fuerstenberg on 07938 972069 or pcahallbooking@gmail.com to discuss your requirements.

Please also contact Karl if you would like to book the hall for a one off event such as a function, meeting or party – it is generally available on Saturdays.

Good Neighbours

With the arrival of spring, the Good Neighbour Scheme has continued to help people in the Parish on an ongoing basis by visiting and providing company and having a chat. We've also helped people with specific gardening requirements and an issue with a small electrical appliance. So as you can see, we can help with a range of things.

We once again had a stall in the church during the Scarecrow Trail. It was nice to see so many people as they passed through on their way to or from finding the scarecrows. We had interest from several people to join our group of volunteers, which we always welcome.

With summer around the corner, please remember that we are here to help with household tasks such as putting bins out, changing light bulbs or visiting and having a chat. We can also help with a one-off garden blitz if you're unable to keep on top of your garden.

If you or someone you know is vulnerable and would benefit from our help, or you would like to volunteer, you can contact us by calling 07961 939574 or emailing good-neighbours@pucklechurch.org (if you leave a message on the phone or email we will be in touch within 24 - 48 hours). As a volunteer, 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 have a chat and update each other on what we've been doing as volunteers.

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

TOWER PRESCHOOL



**Mon/Fri 9am-12pm
Tues/Weds/Thurs 9am-3pm**

Education and fun for 2-4 yr olds

**Every day is an open day, pop in
for a visit or call us on
07722 029077**

Design a Scarecrow Competition Winner



The Scarecrow Competition Committee is delighted to announce the winners of this year's "design a scarecrow" competition. Olivia Harvey won with her stunning design which will appear on posters shortly. She will soon receive her £10 prize. We also had some runners up: Khloe and Alfie Bishop and Finley Skidmore and their designs will appear on programmes too. Thank you to everyone for their entries. It has been great to have the support of the village in this way. We would particularly like to thank the Post Office for collecting the entries for us.

We wish everyone a successful and joyous summer for Pucklechurch and Abson.

Emersons Green Library Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure at Emersons Green Library this summer – it's Space Chase, the Summer Reading Challenge 2019! Our super space family the Rockets need your help to track down books that have been nabbed by Aliens! As you read 6 library books over the summer, collect special stickers to complete your mission folder and get your medal and certificate.

Space Chase blasts off on Saturday 13 July and children have until Saturday 14 September to complete their mission. It's FREE to take part! Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up and see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their reading.

Zoom off to the library for FREE awesome activities over the holidays including Fizz Pop Science workshops, Lego Mindstorm Mars Rover Challenge with Aerospace Bristol and Space Chase craft activities. Find out more at www.southglos.gov.uk/childrenslibrary.

BEAVERS

Since being taken over by new leaders back in March, the Beavers have been busy working towards some new badges.

As well as having great fun playing lots of wide games, the Beavers have completed their International, Collectors and Experiment Badges and they're in the process of finishing off their Safety and Communicator Badges too.

They've tried food from around the world, learnt about the safest way to help someone who's fallen into a river and made a light shine using some wires and a lemon! As well as making their Scarecrow they also fitted in time to attend a St George's Day Parade and Funday in Yate, where they got the opportunity to try climbing, caving and cooking, amongst other things.

cubs

After 2 years of no Cubs at Pucklechurch, we have finally got the Cub pack up and running once again. We started with 6 members in February and by the time the girls and boys were ready to be invested we were up to 9 members.

We have recently set our first programme of activities which has been put together using the ideas of the young people. We are working towards activity badges including Athletics, Science and Air Activities, to name a few.



We also are having our first sleepover and a 1 night camp at the end of the summer term.

We are still open to new members, girls and boys aged 8 to 10½. However, we still need adult help to be able to run the Cub Pack.

Please feel free to contact me either about a young person or an adult wanting to volunteer.

Allison Moore, Cub Scout Leader 07712475880



CRICKET CLUB ALLSTARS CRICKET SESSIONS

We are currently running Allstars Cricket sessions for children aged 5 to 8 years at Pucklechurch Cricket Club. We would like to extend this to boys and girls aged 9 and 10 years. We hold the Sessions from 5pm to 6pm on the Rec on Friday. If you would like more information, please call George Wynter on 07736713730 or just come along.



THREE SHIRES PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP UPDATE

Three Shires Patient Participation Group (PPG) held its first Annual General Meeting in March. Covering the four surgery sites of the Practice, the principal aim of the PPG is to bring forward ideas and suggestions from patients for the benefit of the Practice and its patients.

Sixteen patients from Colerne, Marshfield, Pucklechurch and Wick, are now members of the PPG. Last Autumn we attended 28 of the Practice flu clinics giving out leaflets and survey forms including information for carers. Carers' information packs are now available at every surgery for people looking after a relative, friend or neighbour.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our patient survey. 119 patients responded and the results of the survey will be published on the Practice website. As a result of the survey responses, we'll be looking at befriending, recruiting volunteers, encouraging more use of the Practice website (www.threeshiresmedical.co.uk), developing the existing online Patient Reference Group and falls prevention. We are also taking account of the comments that respondents made, with a view to helping the Practice to address these issues.

As a first step in setting up a telephone befriending scheme and some form of support between people with similar illnesses or other health problems, we will be compiling lists of interested people throughout the practice. The telephone befriending scheme could evolve into a visiting or Good Neighbour scheme in time. Good Neighbour schemes involve volunteers helping people who are isolated or have problems with daily tasks, and this can include help for someone just home from hospital, befriending, practical help in the house, trips to the surgery, hospital transport or help with shopping or going out. The list of people interested in support groups or an online forum could begin with people with the same illness or health problem being put in touch with each other.

Anyone who is interested in health-related support groups, an online forum or a way to be put in touch with others in a similar situation – contact Ruth ruthbridgens@btinternet.com (01225) 891216.

We are also getting together a list of people interested in a confidential telephone befriending scheme so anyone who is interested in either befriending someone or being befriended should get in touch with Maureen maureen.hurcom@btinternet.com or telephone 07962 144404

The PPG has an email address 4patientparticipation@gmail.com or if you don't have access to email, a letter can be sent to the PPG secretary at the Pucklechurch surgery. Please be aware that we are all volunteers, we cannot give medical information or respond to medical questions. However if you have any thoughts or ideas you would like to share, please share them with us.

Dyrham Revel

If you enjoy Pucklechurch Revel and you are looking for another great local afternoon out, Dyrham & Hinton Revel takes place on Saturday 29 June at The Wynter House, Upper Street, Dyrham from 2pm. Listen to Oldland Brass Band, watch an acro-gymnastics display, enjoy cream teas, Pimms, a BBQ, and take part in lots of fun family activities with lots of childrens' games, skittles, and some visiting alpacas all in the beautiful surroundings of the local countryside. We hope it won't be wet but if it is, you'll find all the action taking place at Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall. See you there!



PUCKLECHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

HOSTED BY PUCKLECHURCH SCHOOL PTA
3.15-5.30PM

JULY 12 2019

RAFFLE, BBQ, GAMES, STALLS, BAR AND MUCH MORE

CASTLE ROAD, PUCKLECHURCH, BS169RF

Scarecrow Competition

St Thomas a Becket hosted another scarecrow competition and trail for the village on the May Day Bank Holiday weekend. We would like to thank the village again for its unfailing support in this endeavour! Special thanks to our 42 scarecrow makers this year. The quality was excellent as usual. And of course, thanks to all of you who were able to take part in the trail over the two days. We hope you enjoyed it.

This year the church raised over £1500 pounds which is a record amount, we believe. The winning scarecrow, as voted by the trail-goers, was Winnie the Pooh. The lucky dip scarecrow prize went to the Emperor from the Emperor's New Clothes and the winning trail-goers split their prize as they had gone round together. They were from Pucklechurch. Congratulations to all three sets of people.

We hope that the whole village benefited from this event. It was great to see family and friends out together and chatting. We hope it brought the community together and brought you some spring fun and happiness.

Please like our Facebook page for notification of the answers and future posts.

<https://www.facebook.com/PucklechurchScarecrowTrail/>

The answers of previous trails are available on the village website: http://pucklechurch.org/scarecrow_trail.html



St. Thomas a Becket Pucklechurch

1st Sunday in Month:-

8.30am Holy Communion

10am Café Church

2nd/3rd/4th Sunday:-

10a.m. Family Communion

Tea/coffee is served after all services

Special Services

Sunday 9th June – Pentecost:-

10am Family Communion

6pm Revel Service in Vicarage Garden if dry, or in Church if wet – Bring & Share Tea

Sunday 14th July - Patronal Festival:-

10am Family Communion

School Choir will be taking part in this.

Sunday 21st July - Music Sunday:-

10a.m. Family Communion –

a celebration of music .

We are serving refreshments for Revel in Church on Saturday 15th June from 12 noon - 4pm Teas/Coffee; Squash, Stalls – Cakes, Books, Sales Table

Scarecrow Competition and Trail

This took place on Sunday 5th and Monday 6th May.

This was a very successful weekend, with approximately 1,200 people taking part. It was nice to see so many families out and about and coming into Church.

The Winner of the best Scarecrow was 'Winnie the Pooh'.

Lucky Dip Scarecrow 'Emperor's New Cloths'.

Winners of trail were joint family members.

All prizes have now been delivered.

As a result of the weekend we raised £2,513. 33.

With our grateful thanks to everyone who took part in this now annual event and all those who made it possible.

Volunteers thank you and request

We'd like to take a bit of space here in Pucklechurch News to say a very big thank you to a group of people who are unsung heroes in the village - the volunteers who deliver Pucklechurch News around our community! Helen Toghill is the delivery co-ordinator and she can always do with some extra help. If you aren't receiving Pucklechurch News in your area, then it may be that we don't have a volunteer to deliver it. If you can spare a few hours every quarter to deliver the news so it reaches all of the village, please get in touch with Helen - details in our regular information box. We'd especially like to hear from anyone who could deliver to the new houses so that our newcomers can find out what's going and join in with village activities.

GARDENER'S CLUB



Spring/summer is the busiest time of year for us gardeners, especially in the greenhouse!

In April we were invited to Fonthill Garden Centre in Bitton. Matt & Luke gave a lovely talk on 'summer planters & baskets', which was followed by refreshments with time to purchase plants, making it a most enjoyable evening. Our thanks go to all the staff for their hospitality.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 1st May & was well supported. Dave Harris stood down from the committee and Helen Parker joined us as a new committee member.

Carmen Bradley presented Jackie Yates with the Frank Bradley Trophy after gaining the most points for the monthly competitions.

This summer's day trip in June is a visit to RHS Rosemoor, with all seats on the coach quickly snapped up!

Our club program ends with our Summer Supper in July, which is being held at the garden of committee member Greg Bate.

The Autumn/Winter program begins on Wednesday 2nd October and can be found on www.pucklechurch.org under 'village groups'.

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

Contacts: Jean Powell 01454 528066, Val Seaman 01179 372095 or Ann Smith 01179 372030



Pucklechurch Playgroup

We are extremely pleased with the "Good" outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. The inspector reported that:- "Children are very well behaved and thoroughly enjoy socialising with each other and practitioners, and build strong relationships. Parents' comments demonstrate that they are extremely happy with the quality of care provided and the good range of activities that are provided for the children".

The inspector also commented that "The children were active learners and showed respect for each other as they play. The manager and practitioners have a caring approach towards all children. Children are confident, happy and demonstrate that they feel safe and secure in the company of the practitioners."

Our fully qualified practitioner team are dedicated and are constantly working hard to make improvements and further their own personal development, maintaining high quality teaching.

We had a recent article in the May edition of the Emersons Green Voice which can be viewed online.

We are currently taking registrations for spaces for 2, 3 and 4 year old children for September 2019. For more information please call Georgina Wynter on 07736713730 or Fiona Hanney on 07545351364 or pop in for a visit anytime.



1st Pucklechurch Rainbows are bursting at the seams! In other words the Unit is more than full. However 3rd Pucklechurch Rainbows are low on numbers. To avoid being on a waiting list with 1st. Pucklechurch Rainbows, please join 3rd Pucklechurch Rainbows which meets on Wednesdays. Contact me for fuller details, see below.

1st Pucklechurch Rainbows celebrated May Day in style. First they picked daisies to go into their hairbands, and then they danced around the maypole. How lovely to keep our English traditions. They will be strawberry picking soon, Ruth will make jam, and the girls will learn how to make tasty (and probably sticky!) jam sandwiches. The group is fortunate in having two Guides as official Rainbow Helpers.

3rd Pucklechurch Rainbows discovered what makes you hot by doing star jumps, and how to use a fan to cool down. This was followed by what makes you cold – an ice pack on your arm, and putting on extra layers to warm up. All part of Survival Skills. These will continue outdoors with an observation walk and den building. Leader, Emma, is now taking 'A' levels and so time off to study – we wish her well in her exams.

Brownies

The 1st Pucklechurch Brownies meet Tuesday evenings in the Scout Hut 5-6.30pm, with weekly 'Pow Wows' and games. We welcomed and enrolled eight new Brownies this term. The Brownies are now working toward Interest Badges from the new programme introduced in 2018.

Brownies have completed their 'Collector's Badge' bringing their own varied collections, with a visitor bringing an amazing collection found through metal detecting of coins and artefacts.

All our Brownies are now working toward achieving the 'Language Badge' with computer research at home, group learning with Brownie leaders using BSL, German, French and Hindi languages, answering the Register and greeting each other in ten other languages. Plans for three more Interest badges to be achieved in the coming months.

I have other news which I also urge you to read and consider.

Both Sharon and Nicola, who so willingly came forward to take over the Unit last year have, or are soon, experiencing job changes and therefore both will step down at the end of the summer term. This is with much regret as they really enjoy their time with the girls, and may possibly return in the future should their work roles change.

I mention this so you can see being a Brownie Leader is enjoyable and a lot of fun. Pucklechurch has a thriving Unit so please consider doing what these ladies did last year and contact me NOW to offer help.

There is already a very supportive Unit team who will continue but we need people willing to undertake our Guiding leadership qualification. This could be YOU. It's useful addition to any c.v., showing commitment, an ability to work with young people and adults, make a difference to young lives and best of all - have fun!

Guides

This small but steady Unit enjoy their meetings with a variety of activities and are making the most of the fine weather by spending time outdoors at their allotment. Our new programme encourages us to return to many of Baden-Powell's original ideas, skills and activities, and being outdoors was a big part of early Guiding. There is room for more girls aged 10-14 to join.

DYRHAM TREFOIL – GUIDING FOR ADULTS

This local group meet monthly on different nights in different venues and recently held a really entertaining murder mystery party with most people dressing up and getting into character. No-one actually guessed the murderer but it didn't really matter, it was just a lot of fun.

We also arranged a Thinking Day event for all County members at Dyrham & Hinton village hall, with a local walk and a variety of crafts, plus refreshments and symbolic candle lighting. A collection was made to support Guiding in poorer countries around the world. We welcome new members who are supportive of Girlguiding and its aims.

For any of the above, please contact Ros Abbott – rosabbott@hotmail.com, 07709 639846 or 01179 372157. I look forward to hearing from you.

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