

# PUCKLECHURCH NEWS



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## *A letter from the editors!*

“Dear All

We’re bringing you this slimline version of Pucklechurch News because we wanted to try and get something out there for the village during these trying times. Usually the June edition would be full of exciting content about Revel and the Beer Festival and of course we would have also hoped to bring news of the VE day commemorations.

We’re very sad that, for now, these have been put on hold but let’s look forward as a village to hopefully being able to celebrate these events all together in 2021.

Life goes on of course and we hope everyone has managed to stay safe and well during the Covid-19 pandemic. Perhaps you’ve been out discovering the beautiful countryside that surrounds Pucklechurch or taking the chance to live life at a slower pace. Whatever you’ve been up to, we’re sure everyone is also looking forward to being able to freely see friends and family in the not-too-distant future as well.

We will be looking to put together the September issue in a couple of months, so if you do have any content that you would like us to consider, or if you would like to be on the regular contributors’ reminder list, please do drop a line to [editor@pucklechurch.org](mailto:editor@pucklechurch.org), or contact Sarah Nunez on 07540 243627.

With warm wishes

All at the Pucklechurch News Team



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*Three Shires Patient Participation Group*



## *Roma Willmott- letter of thanks*

“A very belated thank you to all the lovely people who came to the funeral of my husband, Len Willmott, on 17th January 2020. I am sure Len would have been amazed to know that a total of 133 of us were there. As well as my thanks, I wanted to let you know I was able to take a cheque for £410 to Combe Ward, RUH, Bath where Len was so well looked after during the last few weeks of his life. This was from donations made at his funeral.  
*Many thanks, Roma and family.*”

## GIRL GUIDING IN PUCKLECHURCH



# Pucklechurch Players

Nothing stops 1st Pucklechurch Guides! Weekly virtual meetings are keeping us in touch and we are finding innovative ways of completing various clauses in our Guide programme. Our Take Action theme has centred on community action and the Guides have made and put posters in windows, donated items for hospitals and the food bank. They have earned the 'Be Prepared' badge by deciding what to pack for 72 hours and living out of this for 3 days, considering safe places to go and how to keep occupied and boost morale; all so relevant during this pandemic. We're now working on a Campaigning Badge basing it around Covid-19. Our compiled song album includes 'When will I see you again', 'Don't stand so close to me', 'We are family' and 'Don't worry, be happy', all designed to lift the spirits. To complete this clause the Guides are designing album covers.

We've had loads of fun taking part in a badge dreamt up by Scottish Girlguiding. I've been sent wonderful pictures of teddies zooming down homemade zip wires, girls hurdling over obstacle courses, making and floating rafts in sinks and baths and finding spots special to them where they made or renewed their Guide Promise.

We've played bingo, debated whether lynx should be reintroduced to the UK, and compiled an A-Z of kindness.

The Guides have elected to continue online until we can resume usual meetings. It just keeps us all in touch.

If any girls aged 10-14 would like to join virtual Guiding, please contact me; you are very welcome. We meet 6.45-7.45 every Tuesday. I am still looking for more adult helpers too.

Stay safe and well everyone

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As for all groups, it has been a strange time for Pucklechurch Players.

In early March, we took the decision to regretfully postpone our upcoming production of Cash On Delivery which was to be performed in mid May.

We thought that we needed to protect vulnerable cast members and our audiences and that it was better to postpone the comedy sooner rather than later when many tickets were sold. At the time of the decision, few of us really knew how this country would change in just a few weeks.

Although many of us have regular 'Zoom' sessions when we chat and have quizzes, we miss the camaraderie of rehearsals and, for some of us, the drinking time after them!

Our committee has thought about the future and we have several plans for a play or a pantomime as and when it will be safe for us to rehearse and to fill the hall with an audience. Obviously, we will be guided by government advice. As soon as we have any firm plans and dates, we will let people know through our Facebook page and adverts in Pucklechurch News and put the dates on the village calendar.

We are all looking forward to the time when we will be able to entertain again, but in the meantime, we are hoping that all our patrons keep well and stay safe.

Clare Watts

## Pucklechurch Good Neighbour Scheme

The past few months have been very different for the Good Neighbour Scheme, like they have for everyone. The current Covid 19 pandemic has certainly brought out the community spirit. We are very grateful for the extra help our volunteers are providing to people in our Parish. Our volunteer numbers have been boosted by a large number of new people joining us – we are also very grateful for their time and services. Thank you very much everyone!

We are helping and supporting nearly 40 people in the village by picking up prescriptions, shopping and providing telephone company. Please contact us if you haven't got family or friends who are able to help you with these tasks and we can ask our volunteers to help. If you have regular helpers who have to self-isolate or become unwell, we can help whilst they're unable to do so.

We have also provided simple recipes for someone who is alone and shielding so is no longer able to receive pre-cooked meals. Please contact us if you would like a copy of the recipes. If you're shielding or self-isolating, we can drop them

through your letter box. They are also on the Pucklechurch website ([www.pucklechurch.org/good\\_neighbours.html](http://www.pucklechurch.org/good_neighbours.html)). You might already prepare similar meals, but you never know, you may discover something new and tasty!

With the help of Mary from the Red Lion in Mangotsfield, we've set up and have been running a food bank in the Community Centre every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has made a kind donation to date. If you can support us with further donations of tinned or packet food items, toiletries, toilet rolls and general every day household consumables, please pop by and see our volunteers at the Community Centre on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We'll use your donations to make up packages to distribute to people in our Parish. If you or someone you know would benefit from one of these please contact us – we've got food ready to be delivered. You don't need a food voucher to be eligible. For example, if you're a single parent, self-employed and/or unable to work we can help you.