

PUCKLECHURCH NEWS



WINTER 2019/20

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St. Thomas a Becket Pucklechurch

Christmas Services

Sunday 22nd December
6.30p.m. **Carols by Candlelight**

Christmas Eve
4 p.m. **Nativity & Christingle**
6 .30p.m. **Christmas Eve Communion**

Christmas Day
10a.m. **Family Communion**

St. James the Great Abson

Sunday 22nd December
3p.m. **Carol Service**

Christmas Day
8.30a.m. Holy Communion

Pucklechurch Church and St. James Abson are being flood-lit again this year.

The Collection on Remembrance Sunday was £279.20. This was divided between Help for Heroes and Royal British Legion.

The service included two minutes silence; wreaths laid, and a presentation by the Scouts, Cubs, and Beavers.

February 22nd 2020
Jumble Sale at 2pm in Community Centre



LIBRARY

Over Christmas and the New Year

Here is the roundup of news from Emersons Green library for December together with their seasonal opening hours,

Lego Club - our FREE monthly session for 4- 11 year olds

Saturday 7th December: 11am Emersons Green Library

Christmas Crafts activities – FREE festive fun for 4 – 11-year olds

Tuesday 24th December - starting at 10.30am at Emersons Green Library

Christmas Storytime and activities (for pre-school children)

Tuesday 31st December: Stories Round the (Christmas) Tree at 2pm (Emersons Green Library)

Emersons Green Library seasonal opening hours (see also www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries or facebook.com/sgloslibraries)

Monday 23rd December: (Open Access available 8am – 7.30pm)

Tuesday 24th December: staffed 10am – 1pm (Open Access available 8am - 7.30pm.)

Wednesday 25th December : CLOSED

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th December: All South Glos libraries Open Access only (8am - 6pm)

Saturday 28th December: staffed 10am – 1pm (Open Access available 8am - 7.30pm.)

Sunday 29th & Monday 30th December : (Open Access available 8am - 7.30pm)

Tuesday 31st December: Staffed 10am - 5pm (not 5.30pm as usual) but Open Access available 8am - 7.30pm

Wednesday 1st January: (All South Glos libraries Open Access only 8am - 6pm)



Carol Singing for NSPCC

Join us on
Monday 16th December from
7.30pm at 42 Abson Road to sing
some Carols and
Christmas songs and enjoy a
glass of mulled wine.

We will then be visiting the pubs & clubs
in the village.

For more information contact Elaine on
01179373105





Plans for Revel 2020 and 69 years of Revel are well underway.

To make this a more inclusive event with something for all to do, the theme for 2020 is 'Back 2 the Future' – so get your thinking hats on and consider what will our future look like. This will be a fantastic opportunity to ask your children what they think life will be like in 30-50 years time.

We are running the Christmas Lights Competition again - please see Facebook and posters around the village to find out how you can register to partake again for 'Light Up Pucklechurch'.

Please email Pucklechurch.Revel@gmail.com if you would like more information or would like to get involved.

VE Day 75 – May 8th, 2020

Next year is the 75th anniversary of VE day. A small committee is in the process of organising an event for the village hall and carpark. We, the committee, would like to see a back to basics event for all the family. So far, discussions have been held around a Pucklechurch Museum for the day; we would like to take copies of any news articles, photographs and video your stories from 75 years ago. We think this would be a great opportunity to remind us all of a time we often forget.

Other plans for the day include:

Craft area for children; making bunting, miniature allotments and an Anderson shelter. We would like to hold a 'bake off' competition using recipes from the 1940's.

We will also be hopefully having a band/disco in the evening with an American supper to celebrate 75 years of freedom.

Other plans include:

2:55pm - Last Post

3.00pm - The Playing of Battle's O'er/ Nation's Toast to the Heroes

6.55pm - A Cry for Peace Around the World

7.00pm - Ringing out for Peace - Church Bells to ring out

7:05pm - Family 'American Supper' disco in the village hall

Pucklechurch Twinning Social Group

Pucklechurch Twinning Society has changed to the above as arranged visits to and from Pringy after 26 years have come to a close by mutual agreement of both committees. Many members have made long term friends from their visits over the years and individual visits still happen.

Pucklechurch Twinning created the garden by the Millennium Stone as you come into the village. As many of you can see this is now very overgrown and difficult to manage. However, two members will be clearing the current garden and recreating a more manageable and pleasant garden with the help of Fonthill Nurseries and thanks to a £200 donation from Revel for which we are really grateful. We appreciate that we will probably need more than this amount to complete the garden but it should give us a good start. We are hoping to clear the site in the next couple of months.

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Pucklechurch 10k

Pucklechurch Primary School PTA is planning to host a 10k run and children's colour run on April 26th 2020. We are hoping it will have a positive impact on local businesses and raise much-needed funds for the school. The event will be based at the school and the 10k will start and end at the gates on Castle Road. The children's colour run will be contained within the school, whilst the 10k will follow a multi-terrain course in and around Pucklechurch. All parking for the event is at St Aldam's Nursery, Westerleigh Road.

We would like to ask for volunteers from the community for help to run the event and essential roles including marshals and two rolling roadblocks.

There are also plenty of opportunities for local businesses to get involved and support the event. We have some great sponsorship packages available.

For more information, please email: pucklechurch10k@outlook.com

26th April 2020

10.30 am

Multi terrain course

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SUZUKI Way of Life

CHILDRENS COLOUR RUN starts: 12.30



Pucklechurch Community Association

Previous editions of Pucklechurch News have mentioned the project to extend the community centre building. This will involve applications for fund raising by way of grants etc, but it would be helpful, and much appreciated, if the residents of the village could help us raise funds towards the project. The community centre is for the benefit of everyone in the village and we would welcome any contributions, no matter how large or small. We would appreciate any ideas for activities that could raise funds, such as a bric-a-brac sale or some kind of sponsored event. All suggestions will be greatly received!

We would like to involve all the village residents in the extension project and any fund-raising activities and intend to provide updates via social media platforms. If any residents would like to assist with setting up a Facebook page, please contact me at peter.nunez@btinternet.com . If you

have any ideas that you feel might help raise funds towards the project, please also forward them to: peter.nunez@btinternet.com

The new building will provide enhanced facilities for the residents of the village. As previously mentioned, various groups currently use the facilities of the building, such as Bowls, Badminton, Folk Club, Gardening, Majorettes and Model Flying. 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 are new to the village.

Please visit the website for Pucklechurch Community Centre at <http://www.pucklechurchcommunitycentre.co.uk> to obtain more information.



GARDENERS' CLUB



With winter on the way and shorter gardening days, the chances of getting another cut on the lawn are slim with all the rain we have had recently. Club members have been busy in their gardens planting bulbs & tidying up the borders.

At the October meeting we invited Dr Francis Burroughes back again for another enjoyable talk which he named 'Illegal Immigrants' and was about the trees and plants from other countries.

In November we invited Julie Henderson who gave a very interesting talk on 'Wildlife in the garden' accompanied with a colourful slide show.

The last meeting of the year is the Christmas Supper & quiz on December 4th, when we invite our members to enjoy a cold buffet and warm mince pies while testing their knowledge of gardening themed questions and some seasonal ones.

The 2020 program can be found on pucklechurch.org under village groups.

Merry Christmas to all our members

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

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

Club News 2019 sallie61@me.com

Good Neighbours

The Good Neighbour volunteers have continued to help Parish residents over the summer months. We've helped with some garden 'blitzes' - spending a couple of hours weeding and generally tidying up gardens. Our volunteers have also continued to provide company to several people in our Parish and helped others with simple household tasks. It's been a busy and productive few months and we would like to thank all our volunteers for giving up their time, being at the end of the phone or email and helping out. This scheme would not be able to run without the goodwill of people within our community.

Please remember we're here to help with small household tasks wherever we can. If there is something we can't help with, we will do all we can to identify a local service or business that can help.

We would like to take this opportunity to make a request to people in Pucklechurch and Shortwood to ask if you are able to spend some time providing company for people simply by having a chat and cup of tea. We've had lots of requests and we will soon run out of volunteers to help. You would only need to spend a few hours a month at a time and on a date that suits you in order to do this. You'll also 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.

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 goodneighbours@pucklechurch.org (if you leave a message on the phone or email we will be in touch within 24 - 48 hours).

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

Local Young Carers Take a Break at Ceramics Workshop

A group of local young carers recently took part in a ceramics workshop with Carers Support Centre, hosted and funded by Create Arts Charity. This hands-on workshop gave young carers the chance to take some much-needed time away from their caring role and do something creative, sociable and fun.

Caring is a huge responsibility that should only ever be expected of an adult. Young carers do a fantastic job of caring for someone at home, but it has a big impact on a young life. Young carers struggle to keep up with schoolwork, are often bullied, and suffer with anxiety and depression.

This is where Carers Support Centre comes in. As well as workshops, the charity offers local young carers activities including cinema, theatre trips and daytrips.

Events like this mean everything to young carers. They give them the time and space to relax, make friends and just be kids for a while. These activities also allow them to meet others in similar situations, reminding them that there are other children like them, facing the same challenges. Accessing these activities is crucial for young carers' wellbeing.

Carers Support Centre wants to take a group of young carers to the pantomime this Christmas. Christmas should be a time for kids to have fun and have exciting and memorable experiences. This trip will enable local young carers to take a well-deserved break and let them know how much they are appreciated.

Find out more about Carers Support Centre on their website: <https://www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk>



Pucklechurch Parish Council Chairman's Report – Winter 2019

A Goodbye and a Welcome!

As many of you will be aware Jodie Bailey who was our Clerk, moved on to a new job at the beginning of October. Clearly, I want to take this opportunity to thank her for all the hard work she did on behalf of the Council over the five years she was with us, as well as to wish her well in her new role. Thank you, Jodie! I am pleased to say, however, that we were able to turn around the recruitment of our new Clerk in super quick time and equally pleased to be able to report that we have appointed Daphne Dunning to the role. Daphne is no stranger to the Council, or to Pucklechurch, as she is a long time resident and was at one time our Village Orderly. Welcome Daphne!

Daphne's email address, contact details and phone number for the Parish Council are as follows:

Email: parish.council@pucklechurch.org

Telephone: 07525 842 095

Post: Daphne Dunning - Clerk, Pucklechurch Parish Council, 25 Parkfield Rank, Pucklechurch, Bristol BS16 9NR

Road closures and path works

I appreciate that it can be difficult to cope with road closures and hard to keep up with changes made to the timetables. All works to highways and paths around the parish are either the responsibility of the Highways Agency or South Gloucestershire Council. As a Parish Council we do not routinely receive updates on changes to timetables. The best source of the most up to date information can be found online via <https://one.network/> - this website enables you to search by location and across different timescales. Clicking on each dot that appears reveals the detail of each piece of planned work and the timeframe it is expected to be completed in.

Speed table update

South Gloucestershire Council has published a report that provided feedback on the results of the consultation about the proposal to install a speed table between Parkfield Road and Castle Road on the B4465 Westerleigh Road. To recap the scheme aims:

1. To provide an easier to use crossing point on Westerleigh Road, for the benefit of the mobility impaired and pupils of the primary school located on Castle Road.
2. To support local and national policy in promotion of active travel through cycling and walking, with more numerous and attractive facilities.
3. To reduce instances of speeding through the village.

In response to representations made by residents and in light of its own reservations about the proposed signage for the scheme, Parish Council arranged a site meeting with SGC traffic engineers to try to resolve some of the issues. Some changes to the published signage scheme have now been identified that will reduce its impact on the conservation area as well as removing un-necessary signage. Although not part of the scheme, SGC is also willing to remove the black and white bollards on Parkfield triangle (at the Parish Council's expense) and replace these with square wooden posts. Enabling works for the scheme will involve a road closure in February 2020.

M4 J18a update: no news

The scheme for a new junction was potentially part of the government's second Road Investment Strategy from 2020-2025 but as of the end of September we still have no indication as to whether or not the scheme will be taken to the next stage of business planning. What can be said with certainty is that it is not one of the schemes revealed by Chancellor Sajid Javid at the Conservative Party Conference. It should be noted, however that what was announced were projects covered by the first wave of funding relative to the current major road network programme, with further rounds to be announced in the next few months. Should anything change PPC will do its best to keep residents informed.

Joint Spatial Plan: no progress

The Joint Spatial Plan was published by the West of England Combined Authority (Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire) which identified where new housing and other facilities should be built within the WECA area. Nevertheless, it failed to be approved by the Planning Inspectorate which may now lead to it being withdrawn. You may recall that Pucklechurch was not identified as a location for strategic development within the plan. If you are interested in reading the Inspectors' detailed response this can be downloaded by following this link: <http://www.hwa.uk.com/site/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Detailed-Letter-v2.pdf>

And finally.....

It falls to me, on behalf of the Council, to wish you, your family and your friends a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!

With best wishes

Gail Boyle
Chair, Pucklechurch Parish Council



Rainbows

1st Pucklechurch Rainbows is bursting at the seams with excited 5-7yr old girls. Ruth continues to provide an interesting and diverse programme which contributes to the Unit's success and is now being helped by some new mums who have volunteered to take on administration and treasury roles. Thanks, and welcome to Sarah, Lou and Becky. Thanks to Vikki for her treasury role over the past couple of years.

Brownies

A big thank you to Lori-Anne who has stepped into the Brownie leadership role, enabling the Unit to remain open. This means that Ruth's 7yr old Rainbows can now move up and leave spaces for those 5yr olds waiting to join. Lori-Anne reports that 1st Pucklechurch Brownie unit is going from strength to strength. We have roughly 24 girls at the moment who are all working hard to complete their Be Well theme award. We have had successful trips to the Zoo and will be going to a special screening of Frozen 2 with other Girlguiding groups across Bath and Bristol in December. Mary adds that most evenings the girls have games that involve challenges of memory or coordination.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help us run our popular unit and if you are interested please contact, Lori-Anne Button on Lorianne.scantlebury@googlemail.com

Lori welcomes Young Leaders aged 14-18. This is an excellent Service opportunity if you are working towards your Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

I am saddened to report that 3rd Pucklechurch Rainbows has been temporarily suspended due to leaders and girls moving on and no replacements at present.

Guides

Another big thank you is due to George Wynter running this Unit over several years. However, those of you who know her, will know what a busy person she is and now that her daughter is studying for GCSEs and leaving Guides, George has decided the time is right for her to step down too.

I have recently received a copy of the original Registration Form which shows 1st Pucklechurch GUIDES OPENED 61 YEARS AGO and paid one shilling (five pence) to register!

The Guide Captain was Miss B Green who lived at Ram Hill, near Coalpit Heath. It has run continuously ever since. NEW LEADERS ARE NEEDED NOW to keep it running so please contact me with whatever help you can give. We have several Brownies ready to join our current Guides so there is no shortage of girls.

Eight Guides and one leader are joining our Division trip to Longleat Safari Park and Festival of Light, and George has arranged an overnight stay at our County owned Boathouse in the centre of Bristol, with a very active programme out and about in the city, seeing the Christmas lights, eating out, and no doubt some Christmas shopping! Just what Guide age girls enjoy.

So, come and join the fun. We need YOU and we can help YOU by providing service opportunities for Duke of Edinburgh candidates, leadership training, team working, awareness and care of individuals, working with children, adaptability and many other qualities which enhance CVs.

I look forward to hearing from you – Ros Abbott, 07709 639846 or rosabbott@hotmail.com

