

# PUCKLECHURCH NEWS



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## St. Thomas a Becket Pucklechurch

### Christmas Services

#### Sunday 23rd December

6.30p.m. Carols by Candlelight

#### Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle & Nativity

11.30pm Midnight Communion

#### Christmas Day

10am Family Communion

#### Sat. 1st December 10am - 4pm

Christmas Tree Display and Stalls

To include Christmas items, cakes, books, preserves, plants and refreshments

Church open from 2-4pm from **Monday 3rd December**

– **Friday 7th December** to view trees.

Refreshments available

#### Tuesday 4th Dec. 7.30p.m.

St. George Singers Christmas Concert

#### Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 11th November we had a very full Church to remember the ending of the First World War on its 100th anniversary.

During the service, wreaths were laid, two minutes silence kept and last post sounded. The collection of over £444 is being divided equally between Help for Heroes and Royal British Legion.

On Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th immediately after the service the Church was open for people to come and see the magnificent display of poppies (these had been knitted by various people in the village) and the display of memorabilia.

We would like to thank Mrs Yates for co-ordinating this and for all those who contributed to make it the success it was.

## St. James the Great Abson

#### Sunday 23rd December

3pm Carol Service

#### Christmas Day

10am Family Communion



## Carol Singing for NSPCC



We will be visiting the pubs and clubs in the village on Monday 10th December.

If you would like to join us and help raise funds for NSPCC please contact Elaine on 0117 9373105 or email: [elainejstone15@gmail.com](mailto:elainejstone15@gmail.com)

## Shortwood Methodist Church

We are open for worship Sundays at 2.45pm and for 'Coffee 'n Chat' on the first Wednesday of each month from 10.30 – midday. All are welcome.

#### Dates for Christmas

**15th December** – Messy Church from 2-4pm. Mums and dads – why not bring your children along for some fun. We will be doing painting, colouring, craft etc. There will be nibbles, tea, coffee and squash available.

Our Candlelit Carol Service will be held on **23rd December at 6pm**. It's a mix of carols and readings, telling the story of the birth of Jesus. After the service we will be serving coffee and mince pies and would love you to join us.

We will be carol singing around the village on **18th December, meeting in Bridge Road at 6.30pm**. If, like us, you love to sing please come and join us – the more the merrier!

This year, we have agreed to donate the money raised to support Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.





**Revel 2019 has already kicked off and the committee and its merry band of volunteers are hot on the heels of last year's success to continually make our Revel, BIGGER and BETTER.**

One of the events we are aiming to improve is the annual Bob Stone award. Some of you may be wondering what this award is and who was Bob Stone?

Bob Stone lived in Pucklechurch with his wife Elaine and children Carrie and Tim for many years. He was active along with his wife in many community groups, including the Revel committee and was often seen on the other side of the camera documenting each Revel and its many events. After his untimely death in 2005, it was decided to honour his memory with an award to the individual or organisation that makes the biggest contribution to Revel each year, past winners have been:

Previous Awards: 2005 Bob Todd; 2006 Alan Holder; 2007 Mike Hanks; 2008 Women's Institute; 2009 Martin Smith; 2010 Derek Watts; 2011 Dave Sargent; 2012 Andy Smith; 2013 Elaine Stone; 2014 Mandi Smith; 2015 Lori-Anne Button; 2016 Pucklechurch Beer and Cider Festival; 2017 George Wynter.

In 2017, the Revel committee discussed with Elaine Stone plans to slightly change the award and make it entirely community based with any member of community to be eligible for the award.

The brief is short, sweet and brief. "Do you know someone who goes the extra mile to make this community a better place? Perhaps they welcome new neighbours, volunteer to help neighbours in distress or work tirelessly in service to the entire neighbourhood and/or community organization. How about someone who tries to make sure everyone in the community feels included? Or somebody who shows up to lend a hand at every community meeting, fundraiser, or community clean-up and neighbourhood meeting?"

This year we had many nominations but there could only be one winner.....

- Tony Wallace, who has been running the Explorers in Pucklechurch for nearly 20 years;
- Gail Boyle, who has, and still is, working tirelessly on the 'Say No to Junction 18A' campaign;
- Dave Sargent who, every year, gives up his valuable time to put up advertising for Revel and make the Parade float for the Revel Royal Family;
- Su Gunningham-Reid for her work on both the Revel and Beer festival and taking on the, quite often, thankless task of treasurer;
- Myself, Lori-Anne Button, for the work I do for Revel;
- Lynn Bate

However, it was the last nominee who shone out from the start and who received a staggering nine nominations. This, I think, is the most nominations we have had for one person in over five years!

Looking at the nominations and what this nominee did for our community, it's a wonder they had not been nominated before.

She was involved in many things throughout the village, helping and volunteering for the NSPCC and was often seen out with a collection bucket at the supermarkets and NSPCC fundraisers, as well as carol singing to raise much needed funds for a worthwhile cause.

She was also an old hat at beer festivals too, often selling tickets at the ticket booth, along with myself as a slightly tipsy teen and asking, "haven't you had enough yet, Lori?". The answer was, and still is, "no, never!".

She was well known for her catering skills, baking many delicious goodies for various events and groups, from the Golden Jubilee to Café De Pringy, which was a delightful fixture on each Revel day.

She was a committee member with Gardeners Club for a number of years, being Chairperson for the last 3 years, only stepping down in May due to ill health. She would volunteer to prepare buffets for Gardeners Club, Twinning and for other occasions, asking nothing for her time.

Her enthusiasm and commitment was infectious, with her often involving me in much of the work - although that had the benefit that I was first to taste the goodies!

She will be a very hard act to follow.

It is unfortunate that the award is a posthumous award, but for those who knew her, she didn't do it for the praise or accolades. She did it because she enjoyed it and wanted to help.

It is with a mixture of great pleasure and sadness to award the Bob Stone Community Award 2018 to Lynn Bate. Her husband Greg will accept this on her behalf.

The award is handed out in Bob Stone's name each year and after the many nominations we have seen this year, we would like to see more in the future. We have a village of doers and makers and some of these people often go unnoticed and hide in the wings, like Lynn did. Let's say a big thank you to these people and give them the recognition they deserve. So get thinking and get nominating for the 2019 award.

**Dates for your diary:**

**2nd December – Revel Sparkle, 3:30pm Millennium Stone and PVSSC**

**14 -16th June – Beer Festival**

**15th June – Revel Day**

# Future Development in Pucklechurch Parish

For the next phase of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Steering Group are undertaking a more detailed survey of residents' views on planning issues within Pucklechurch Parish.

South Gloucestershire Council will soon be publicising how many new homes will be allocated to Pucklechurch and Shortwood. The Pucklechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan will help guide what gets built and where.

Our survey will collect your views about the future of our parish, which will in turn shape the planning policies put forward in our Neighbourhood Plan. It is vital to get a large proportion of parish residents to take the survey.

Have a say in the future of your community!



**Neighbourhood Plan  
Please  
Complete  
the Survey!**

Online at:

**[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/  
PucklechurchNP](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PucklechurchNP)**

or pick up a paper copy at:

**Mike Walker's Newsagent, Pucklechurch  
The Bridge Inn, Shortwood**

Please don't delay!

**Do you run a business in  
Pucklechurch Parish?**

**Do you work for one?**

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee are interested in what you think would make this area a better place to do business.

If you are willing to share your views, please contact us.

email: [ppnp@pucklechurch.org](mailto:ppnp@pucklechurch.org)

text: 077 2550 2320



## Good Neighbours

The Good Neighbour volunteers have continued to help Parish residents over the summer months – and what a summer we had! We've helped several people with garden 'blitzes' by spending a couple of hours weeding and generally tidying up gardens. With the sun and heat, the gardens have grown quickly!

We've also continued providing company to people by spending time with them to have a cup of tea and a chat. This is really valuable to people as we are different faces to see and it gives them the opportunity to talk to someone in addition to family members.

We've also had confirmation that our application to South Gloucestershire Member Award Funding has been successful, giving us the money we require to cover our public liability insurance, mobile phone and police checks over the coming year.

If you would like help with tasks that you're unable to do, or you would like to volunteer, please contact us on 07961 939574 or by emailing [goodneighbours@pucklechurch.org](mailto:goodneighbours@pucklechurch.org). 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.

You can also find more details on our website at [http://www.pucklechurch.org/html/good\\_neighbours.htm](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**





## Emerson's Green Library - Christmas & New Year opening hours and activities

**Saturday 22nd December** - Last staffed day before Christmas;

9.30am – 1pm (Open Access available 8am – 9.30am & 1.15pm – 7.30pm)

10.30am – 12pm Festive Fun - Christmas fun with festive crafts and activities for 4 – 10 year olds (including making a reindeer card and tree decorations.)

**Sunday 23rd December** – Open Access only 8am – 7.30pm

**Christmas Eve** – Open Access only 8am – 3.30pm (Downend / Yate Libraries staffed 10am – 1pm)

**Christmas Day & Boxing Day** – CLOSED

**Thursday 27th December** – Open Access only 8am – 7.30pm

**Friday 28th December** 10am – 5.30pm (Open Access 8am – 10am & 5.45pm – 7.30pm)

**Saturday 29th December** 9.30am – 1pm (Open Access available 8am – 9.30am & 1.15pm – 7.30pm)

**Sunday 30th December & Monday 31st December:** Open Access only 8am – 7.30pm

**Tuesday 1st January** – CLOSED

## VOTO (Villagers on their own)

This group is for single people over the age of 50. If you would like to join us or would like more information contact Elaine on 01179373105 or email [elainejstone15@gmail.com](mailto:elainejstone15@gmail.com) for more information.

During the year we have enjoyed a trip on the Toddington steam train and visits to Forde Abbey, Westonbirt Arboretum and some open gardens. We enjoy eating out and places we have visited have included The Anchor at Oldbury on Severn, The Bell at Yatton Keynell, Siam Thai, and the Pump Rooms in Bath.

Some of us like to walk and we are hoping to organise more walks next year. A number of us visited Guernsey and Warners Alveston Hall where we enjoyed the scenery and lovely weather.

## Shortwood News

We would like to say a big thank you to Dave Heape. Every week, he is out and about in Shortwood picking up litter, working to keep our village clean and tidy. Friends and neighbours are really grateful and appreciate his work.

### Happy Circle

Pucklechurch Happy Circle extends a warm welcome to new members, aged 60+. We meet Tuesdays 2pm – 3.30pm at the Homefield Centre for entertainment including music, quizzes, bingo etc.

For more information, contact Keith on 0117 9374054

## EXPLORERS

Vulcan Explorers meet in the Scout Hut on Thursday evenings, although we are often away from the hut. A favourite recently was to try the Escape Room in Bath, which we just succeeded in escaping from before time ran out. A few weekends ago we went hillwalking in the Brecon Beacons, staying overnight in a Youth Hostel. 2018 has seen two members complete their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards and five have achieved their Chief Scout Platinum Awards.



For the first time, we ventured abroad for our summer camp. We stayed on a camp site near Amsterdam, flying there from Bristol and then using trains to complete the journey (and to travel around the country). We visited the Rijksmuseum and Anne Frank's house in the city as well as going on a canal boat trip. We also visited Arnhem to an open-air museum focusing on the culture associated with the everyday lives of Dutch people, with antique houses, farms and factories from different parts of the Netherlands.

Whilst summer camp was during the hottest part of the summer, with temperatures in the thirties each day, only four weeks later six of the unit completed their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Expeditions in a torrential down-pour. Their expedition involved canoeing unassisted along the River Thames over three days, from Lechlade to beyond Oxford. Before this, they undertook a training programme on the River Avon and in Bristol Docks, as well as a practice expedition on the River Wye.



In the coming weeks we are playing a Badminton tournament, going on a night hike, and finishing with a ten-pin bowling night, as well as finishing off our DofE awards and planning our camps and activities for 2019. There is also the opportunity to train and take part in the Ten Tors event on Dartmoor next May.

We are open for new members to join us. If you are aged between 14 and 18 and would like to try some adventurous activities and perhaps work towards a Duke of Edinburgh award, then please get in touch, whether you have been a scout (or a guide) in the past doesn't matter. Tony Wallis (07702 096491)

# Pucklechurch LED Street Lighting

## Introduction

In order to meet national spending targets, as well as reduce carbon footprint under European Legislation, South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) needs to make significant financial savings and reductions in CO2 emissions over the coming years.

Like many local authorities, SGC are introducing LED (Light Emitting Diode) street light technology to help reduce energy costs and cut carbon emissions. SGC will be replacing all 29,500 street lights with LED units between the years 2014 - 2024.

## When?

SGC will be replacing the street lighting in Pucklechurch Parish between Apr 2019 and Jun 2019.

## What will change?

Light pollution is considerably less - Less light spills into the sky and into gardens, meaning driveways and doors don't get illuminated and Skyglow is reduced.

LED lights use less energy - When implemented; the LED street lighting will reduce SGC's total street lighting energy, and carbon emissions by about 70%.

LED lights reduce maintenance costs – LED units last longer and require less maintenance through their life. LED lights can easily be controlled - This means SGC will be able to dim lights at appropriate times, to help reduce energy costs.

## Changes to Lighting Columns -

SGC proposes to use existing lighting column positions where possible. Additional lighting columns may be installed or existing columns may be removed as part of the LED replacement to improve illumination or replace old stock. This will happen prior to LED replacement and neighbouring residents shall be notified.

All LED lanterns installed since Apr 2017 shall be all-night operation.

May cause minor disruption - StreetCare shall be carrying out the work and should only cause minor disruption during the replacements. If you get the chance, please approach the StreetCare operatives with any questions or request a feedback card to submit your experience.

## Further Information

Please visit SGC's website for further information: [www.southglos.gov.uk/LED](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/LED)

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## Pucklechurch Primary School

Pucklechurch CEVC Primary School were delighted with the support of parents, family and friends attending their Remembrance Day Service. After spending time in the classes creating class wreaths to place around the school's cenotaph, they went to the hall where each Hub shared their learning.

Mrs Capel, the interim headteacher said, "As I am sure everyone is aware, it is a particularly special event this year and we ensured the children developed a true understanding of this. We know how important it is for all of us in our community to reflect on these important events. Due to the importance of this, we have spent a long time in school learning about this time, along with finding out about soldiers, from our local area, who gave up their lives for us. We have also taken the time to stop, think and reflect on this period of history - to truly remember. We shall be forever grateful to those who gave up their lives and fought in the war."

Parents commented on how moving the Remembrance assembly was and how sensitive the children were about such an important time in history. Diversity Crew, who led the Remembrance Day service, have talked about why this day is so special to them, "Remembrance day was extremely important to us because the people that went to war gave their lives to us to keep us safe, so in return it is important to remember those poor souls."

Mrs Capel commented, "We are very proud of the respect and compassion our children showed through the passion and effort they put into this assembly from the very smallest children in reception to those in Year 6."

Miss Miller, RE lead at the school, said "The children also made clay poppies which we have laid at the church to enable the school to be part of their service. It is importance for us to show our appreciation as part of the Pucklechurch community."



## NEW PATIENT GROUP FOR THREE SHIRES MEDICAL PRACTICE

Earlier this year Three Shires Medical Practice set up a Patient Participation Group (PPG) which meets regularly with GPs and the Practice Manager to take up patient issues and help support and develop Practice services and activities. A group of patients from each Practice surgery site, (Colerne, Marshfield, Pucklechurch and Wick) came together in April to create the new group. The aims of the group, expressed in terms of reference on the Practice website, are to bring forward ideas and suggestions to benefit patients and the Practice. The patient members of the group are all volunteers. They will seek to advise, inform and influence the Practice from a patient perspective, promote health knowledge and develop communication between patients and Practice (the group is not a forum for complaints or personal issues nor is it a doctor's fan club!). The PPG terms of reference and meeting minutes appear on the Practice website under the heading 'Patient Group' and the group intends to meet once a quarter.

The PPG is very aware of the original Patient Reference Group set up in 2015 and is very keen for this group to continue and expand so that patient views can be taken forward by the PPG. If you would like to become part of this growing patient representative group please go on to the Practice website and the heading 'Patient Group' and complete the online sign up form. As a member of the Patient Reference Group we would like to be able to contact you three or four times each year for your opinions and suggestions. For example currently the PPG and the Practice are running a patient survey; please see the survey on the Practice website, Patient Group or collect a survey form from your surgery reception. The results of the survey will guide the work of the PPG in 2019.

The PPG has an email address that can be contacted [4patientparticipation@gmail.com](mailto:4patientparticipation@gmail.com); if you don't have access to email a letter to the Group Secretary can be left at the Pucklechurch surgery. Please be aware that no medical information or questions will be responded to. We look forward to hearing from you.

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#### Copy Deadlines:

**10th February for March Edition (Spring)**

**10th May for June Edition (Summer)**

**10th August for September Edition (Autumn)**

**10th November for December Edition (Winter)**

## Hockey Club

Pucklechurch Hockey have now merged to become Badminton and Pucklechurch Hockey Club.

The start of a new season with a newly formed bigger club has been a little harder than expected. We began the season with the challenge of fielding two teams - something we thought having merged would become easier. It was disappointing as a club to have to cancel some friendlies as we were unable to field anywhere near 22 players. It would have been helpful to practise as our teams and try and find formations that fitted the new players working together.

We are moving forward with a three-person coaching team now to help get the new squad settled in to their respective divisions

The club came away from the first league away games buzzing with some great results. The 1s, losing 3-1 at half time to great side Westberries, came back fighting to finish with a great 3-3 draw. The 2s, fielding only 8 players, against a 14-strong WUE 3s came away with only a 2-0 defeat. A great show of grit and determination showed true team spirit for our new club!

The true rollercoaster of the season was in form when the following weekend we had to forfeit the 2s game against Bristol due to a massive lack of numbers available. Although disappointing to be unable to fulfil the fixture, a great performance against top side Redland left the 1s with only a 4-0 defeat.

The middle of October saw us finally able to reveal our new kit to our oppositions after a big delay in production. Happy and excited to be playing in our new kit colours saw 1s face a tough Bristol University side. Still learning to play alongside each other and struggling with formation a little we lost 3-0. Some great set play and quick off the mark free hits saw us put up a great defensive performance though. Being able to stay and support the 2s led to much cheering on the sidelines and requested Mexican waves from the players. A great well-worked performance by all 10 players involved left the 2s with their first win by 4 goals to 0 against a 9-player Avonmouth side.

With two afternoon games the following week up first were the 2s against South Glos 2. The 7-0 loss does not reflect the game play against a great team with a new coach. Lots of hard work and determination and, at times, great ball work could not enable a better reflection with the score. An even later fixture saw 1s face Clifton 4s. Another great result saw us finish with a 1-1 draw but desperate to secure our first win in division 1.

Looking forward with our heads held high, fighting hard to field two full teams each week and stay off the bottom of the table, we're looking ahead to November's fixtures.

Anyone interested in learning hockey or just wanting to get back to this fabulous social sport should contact us on [BandPLHC@gmail.com](mailto:BandPLHC@gmail.com)



# Pucklechurch Parish Council Chairman's Report – Christmas 2018

## Good Neighbours Scheme

We were pleased to have received a report from The Good Neighbour Group at a Parish Council meeting and to hear that it is going from strength to strength. They are now approaching their tenth year of helping those in need in the Parish. We are most grateful and I would like to thank them on behalf of the Council and all those that have been in receipt of their support.

## Changes to South Gloucestershire Council Planning Process

Changes have been made to the way that SGC manages planning applications that came into effect on Thursday 1 November, 2018. SGC suggests that most people will not notice any big changes, but hopes there will be noticeable improvements in the speediness and consistency of the decisions that are made which will improve the service it provides. Although the committee structure that deals with the decision-making process has changed, no changes have been made to the way that the Parish Council or residents can respond online or in writing. Site visits will however not routinely take place before committee meetings and the visits themselves will now just be for members, with a representative of the parish council and applicant present. If you would like to know more about these changes SGC have published an information sheet that can be found online at: <https://bit.ly/2DFd3TR>

## Ashfield bird and bat boxes

We have been lucky enough to have received a number of boxes made at Ashfield which you may have read about in Huw's Muse: these will be put up around the Parish and Huw will be reporting on their success in the spring. Our thanks to the skilled workers in Ashfield for the provision and opportunity to support nature as spring approaches.

## Parish Council Grants

We have been able to manage our budget so as to be able to set aside some monies for the provision of grants again this year. The application process remains as in pre-

vious years so please contact the clerk for an application form and send the completed submission to us before the end of January. Successful grants will normally be awarded when the applicant is able to demonstrate the project is of benefit to the community. All groups should consider applying for a grant, however large or small, and if you would like assistance completing the form please contact the clerk who will advise you accordingly.

## Fly Tipping

Unfortunately, this seems to be on the increase but there have now also been a number of successful prosecutions. If you see any tipping in the Parish please contact the Clerk who will pass the details onto SGC or report it via [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com).

## Elections

A further reminder that local elections will take place in May next year. This is a great opportunity for individuals to play their part in making a real difference. I firmly believe we should have elections and I look forward to a raft of people standing so we have a proper election. Going forward we may still have a lot to do around M4 Junction 18A as well as the delivery of our Neighbourhood Plan and more work relative to the Joint Spatial Plan. We are also looking to improve all the play areas ....but more of that in the new year!

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** to all in the Parish of Pucklechurch which of course includes all those in Shortwood and Parkfield as well as Pucklechurch Village.

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Tel: 0117 9374105 (answer machine)

Mobile: 07525 842 095

In the meantime, let's hope we have some grass left to cut after the hot summer.

BoB Symons

Chairman Pucklechurch Parish Council



## 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.



## 1st Pucklechurch Scouts

17 young people and 4 adults attended summer camp at Fernycroft Scout camp in the New Forest. We spent 5 days in the beautiful surroundings and enjoyed a windy open top bus ride to Beaulieu Motor Museum, with high-

lights being the monorail and seeing Ron Weasley's car from the Harry Potter films.

Back on camp, Sunday was probably the rainiest day of the whole summer and the Scouts worked hard on digging channels to ensure that the sleeping tents stayed dry inside. In the better weather the Scouts and Beavers rose to the challenge of 'leap of faith' and a blindfold gladiator challenge. They also got even wetter when they built rafts and had a go at tomahawk throwing.

Thanks go to the adults who made this happen, giving up precious annual leave, rising to the challenge and having great fun with the Beavers and Scouts.

Scouts have had a busy time since camp; canoeing, our AGM and kitemaking.

We are still looking for a new scout leader from April so if you are interested please get in touch.

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

# GIRLGUIDING PUCKLECHURCH



The renewed programme for Girlguiding has been enthusiastically received by Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, with the opportunity to gain new badges and learn new skills, such as Rainbows learning to tie a shoelace. You might think they'd already know this but most shoes have velcro these days, so a useful life skill.



**The Brownies** are good at collecting and displaying a variety of interesting objects and all gained their Collector badge. Sharon and Nic, aided by Mary and Karen, are settling into their leadership roles.



**3rd Rainbows** have taken part in the County's Gromit challenge, wearing Wrong Trousers and tasting various cheeses, whilst raising funds for Bristol Children's Hospital. Emma, aided by Pippa, is doing an excellent job but more girls are needed please. Are you five or six? Then contact joanna@wallisfamily.plus.com and come and join the fun on Wednesdays.

If Wednesdays aren't convenient then **1st Rainbows** meet on Tuesdays with equally exciting activities. Contact Vikki at vikkiwillo@aol.com



Guide numbers are going up steadily but more girls are needed here too. Age ten plus? Then contact George at wynter397@gmail.com and you can enjoy all that Guiding has to offer.

All Units took part in the Remembrance Sunday March and church service, parading their flags and laying wreaths. The Brownies made their own poppies and these were displayed in church by the font. Well done girls, a lovely show. We need another young adult to support Emma as she is studying for A levels and will need time to revise, meaning there will be some meetings she's unable to attend. Please contact Ros at rosabbott@hotmail.com with your offers of help, for Rainbows or with any Unit. Additional help always welcome.

Ros Abbott  
South Cotswold Division Commissioner



# Pucklechurch Community Association

We are hoping to receive planning permission approval shortly for the installation of a disabled lift, which will improve access to the Social Club. The installation of the lift and the extension to the building will then be combined as one project, and we will continue to keep you informed of progress via Pucklechurch News.

In the meantime, the current building remains available for existing activities, 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.

You may wish to start up a new group in the hall, or book it for a one-off event, such as a function, meeting or party. At the moment, the building is generally available on Saturdays; please contact Karl Fuerstenberg on 07938 972069 or [pcahallbooking@gmail.com](mailto:pcahallbooking@gmail.com) to discuss your requirements.

## GARDENERS' CLUB

It's that time of the year again! Time to put your garden to bed for the winter months, bring tender plants inside, clean your lawn mower and garden tools.

Our Autumn/Winter program began on October 3rd when our guest speaker was Marcel Floyd, who was paying a return visit to us from his Clematis & Climber nursery in Wiltshire. Marcel gave us a most entertaining & informative evening, and brought lots of plants with him to sell afterwards.

Our competition of a 'Single Dahlia' was won by Rosemary Cummins.

At the November meeting we invited Dr Francis Burroughs to talk to us about life as a 'Victorian Head Gardener' which was a very interesting and humorous account of his own father's life from the age of twelve, working as a 'pot boy' cleaning flower pots. The competition of a 'miniature garden on a dinner plate' was won by Rosemary Cummins, which must have taken her many hours of intricate work!

The last meeting of the year on Dec 5th is our Christmas Supper and Quiz for club members, which is always well supported, and an enjoyable evening.

Our new programme 2018/19 can be found on Pucklechurch Community website

St Aldams Farm & Kemps Garden Centre both 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

