

Pucklechurch Parish Council: Notes from the Chair

I am pleased to report there are several Parish Council projects that have come to fruition. Our new look Pucklechurch News has been met with a positive response. It has also been lovely to hear young people enjoying the new St Aldams active play area. The Scout hut was also legally transferred to Parish Council ownership on Friday 11th July.

Clarification concerning the Leigh Farm Renewable Energy Project

A report to South Gloucestershire Council's Cabinet on 14th July covered three initiatives:

- Bristol Energy Network proposals for two wind turbines at Leigh Farm
- A proposal to lease land to PPC to develop a biodiverse wildlife haven using S106 money
- Sites proposed for Gypsy & Travellers and for Travelling Show people at Leigh Farm

Parish Council has had no discussions with Bristol Energy Network or SGC regarding the proposed wind turbines, nor been involved in any local community consultations or the creation of a Community Interest Company. PPC will ensure that it plays a full role in the consultation and engagement process that arises from this. PPC has had direct discussions with SGC regarding the potential use of S106 funds at Leigh Farm. The proposal PPC bought forward was entirely independent of the other two matters. With regard to sites proposed for Gypsy & Travellers and for Travelling Show people, PPC responded to these proposals through the Local Plan consultation process. More detail can be found in a statement we have published on our website.

Planning proposals: Rock House Farm and Marsh Farm

Representatives from two development companies attended our full council meeting on 16th July.

- Lightwood Strategic/Origin3 outlined a project and gave an overview of the proposed design and rationale for the layout for 280 homes at Rock House Farm development in Shortwood. The intention is to submit an outline planning application in late Oct/early Nov 2025
- IM Properties outlined a project and gave an overview of the proposed design for the layout for 100 homes at Marsh Farm in Pucklechurch. A public consultation event was being planned and an outline planning application will be submitted later in the year

PPC will be responding directly to these proposals through the formal consultation process. More detail about these developments, the process and how to make comments on planning applications can be found on our website: https://www.pucklechurchparishcouncil.gov.uk/Planning_and_Consultations_33846.aspx

Replacing Parish defibs

Heartsafe advised PPC to review all its defibrillators as the main units have limited lifespans. Best practice and industry advice shows these should be replaced either once the guarantee expires or not exceeding eight years. Pucklechurch Parish Council maintains 6 fully serviceable defibrillators across the parish, with the newest being that at Eagle Crescent.

However, as consequence of the advice, council resolved to purchase 5 new units to replace the older units at a cost of £5750. The supplier will also be providing 5 bleed kits free of charge so we can have one at every cabinet location. PPC was able to cover these additional costs after a careful review of its spending to date without compromising its agreed action plan.

Gail Boyle
Chair, Pucklechurch Parish Council

Good Neighbour Scheme

It's been a dry, and sometimes hot, few months, but the Good Neighbour Scheme volunteers have helped several residents with their gardens where health issues have meant they can't currently do it themselves.

We gather a number of volunteers, generally about four or five people and 'blitz' the garden. We spend a couple of hours or so weeding, pruning, mowing, strimming and generally tidying up.

If you or someone you know has mobility issues and could benefit by having a few people round to do a 'garden blitz' please contact us.

We've also had a few calls where we've referred people on because we're unable to help due to insurance restrictions.

We can help with small household tasks such as changing light bulbs and fuses, filling in forms, putting out bins and recycling. We can also provide in person or telephone company. If you have regular helpers, we may be able to help if they are unavailable due to holidays or illness.

This is not an exhaustive list, so if you have anything you think we could help with, please contact us and we can have a chat with you. If we can't help you ourselves, we'll try to help find someone who may be able to assist.

In the meantime, if you or someone you know would benefit from our help, please contact us on 07961 939574 or by emailing goodneighbours@pucklechurch.org.

If you leave a message on the phone or email, we'll reply within 24 - 48 hours.

Pucklechurch Ladies Group



In June, the Ladies Group held a Coffee Morning in aid of Revel where we raised and donated £200. We also spent a very enjoyable, sunny afternoon with tea and cakes in a member's garden, our thanks to Margaret and Duncan for their hospitality. Our July meeting welcomed the owner of "Heather Norman Hats and Accessories" of the High Street, Chipping Sodbury. Heather makes bespoke hats for all occasions from weddings to Ascot to match your outfit, she also offers the option to hire. Heather brought several hats along and we enjoyed hearing about the work involved in creating these amazing hats. Heather was happy for us to try on the hats which you can see being modelled by some of our members.

Other events coming up are a cream tea and a talk about medical detection dogs.

Marilyn Palmer,
Secretary 0117 9373761



Pucklechurch Players



When Good King Richard decides to leave England in the hands of his brother, the greedy Bad Prince John, little does he know how poor his subjects will become!

With the odious Sheriff of Nottingham and sidekicks Cringe and Cower taking money from the poor, it is up to Robin Hood and his merry men to thwart their plans.

Meet the chocolate loving Friar Tuck, two weird witches, Lady Heffalump and the Lovable Dame Dollop and her idiotic son, Much, along with other "characters" as they attempt to upset the smarmy Sherrieff's plan to make Maid Marion fall in love with him and gain all her money.

Come along to watch this new pantomime written especially for Pucklechurch Players which will be held in the Village Hall on December 4th 5th and 6th (matinee and evening performances).

Tickets available from Eventbrite from October 1st

St Thomas à Becket

In a benefice with Abson, Doynton, Dyrham and Wick

St Thomas à Becket would like to invite you to our Harvest Festival Service on October 12th at 10:00. This is an opportunity to give thanks for a bountiful harvest and to celebrate our local farming community for all their hard work. Fresh produce which is donated will be sold at the end of the service, non-perishable items will be taken to the food bank at Resound in Mangotsfield, along with any monies raised.

In the Summer edition of Pucklechurch News there was an article about the turret clock. For the last two years we have been working with the Diocese to arrange for its repair and our application has now been approved and has entered the final consultation stage, which runs until the end of August, with the anticipation that work will commence in September. Details can be found posted in the church porch at St Thomas and on the noticeboard outside.

On the third Sunday of the month our vicar, Elaine, leads us in a Café Church service. You are welcome to join us for this different style of worship. Relax with a coffee and a pastry while we look at a theme, recent themes have included Generosity, Community & Creation and Love.

Emersons Green Library

What's On at Emersons Green Library

Tuesdays: Staffed 10am – 5pm, but we start the day with **pre-school Storytime** at 9.30am. Most suitable for 2- 4 year olds, it's FREE and no booking required.

Thursdays: Staffed 10am – 5pm, another early start though as **pre-school Rhyme Time** begins at 9.30am. This is also a Drop In event, and it's FREE.

Fridays: Staffed 10am – 5pm. Our **Digital Champion** has appointments to help you use a computer/laptop/tablet or smartphone. Book a FREE slot with him via the staff.

Saturdays: Staffed 10am – 1pm. **Lego Club** runs on the first Saturday of each month, next one is on 6th September. It's FREE but booking required as we have limited spaces. Speak to staff or email us emersongreen.library@southglos.gov.uk.

On Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays (after 1pm), Sundays you can access the Library until 7.30pm without staff being present, using the Open Access system Open Access | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council once you have been shown how to use this facility.

On Thursday 25th September we are hosting a **MacMillan Coffee Morning** from 10am – please come and join us in supporting this event if you can.



Firstly, thanks to everyone who volunteered, contributed and attended this year's Revel, the good weather was welcome.

Although money was raised, it's still not enough to resume grant applications. To improve what we do we are applying for local grants and investigating obtaining charitable status, securing further grant funding opportunities.

Visitors to Revel were asked to complete an online survey so that feedback could be captured of what people liked/disliked. Questions and feedback below:

What did you enjoy most about this year's Pucklechurch Revel?

There were a variety of responses which will fill form part of 2026's 75th Anniversary:

- A variety of bands, stalls and games, children's entertainment and parade. These activities have been stalwarts of Revel with parishioners still valuing these activities

What could we improve next year?

- Hay bales: Not used due to the Rec Field being used by other groups such as Cricket who have strict rules with regards to green keeping
- Bunting: Investigation into sustainable bunting for reuse to support our own sustainability
- More local stalls and less businesses stalls: most of the stalls are local or small businesses
- More music/bar on the Rec and music into the evening: Revel are investigating additional/alternatives and option of creating our own outside mobile bar
- More drinks: We had good stock levels with most of the drinks being sold at last orders

Was there anything missing from Revel that you felt should be included?

- Floats: It was expensive for groups to create floats due to insurance costs with some companies will not insure
- More adult games: We are considering this option such as Coconut Shy or Knock a Tin Can
- More interactive activities, bands to sing along to: Samba has been suggested

How was the variety of food?

- 75% requested more variety which will be investigated for 2026

How did you find the price of the Fair?

- 60% agreed with the price, however, will be investigating a band system for next year

How organised did you find Revel?

- Response is that Revel was well organised, but new ideas needed

Did you feel well informed before the event?

- Many said no, despite posters, banners, quarterly articles and social media

How did you find the entertainment provided?

- Mixed views, many liked the family vibe and feel created, some not. People want the Dog Show back, as this is weather dependant and if too hot, the show would be unable to proceed due to animal welfare. Views were asked via an online poll which showed those who responded did not want to see its return. Revel will continue to review

Do you have any additional comments?

- School choir: if reinstated, could they perform
- More variety
- The committee are too local: This is a Parish event, new members welcome

Volunteer for Revel:

- 9 people responded 'YES' to this question.

Revel is a community event, it takes a community to keep it going, run by volunteers, we are always seeking people to support in many different areas from planning to clearing up on the day, even if it's just for a couple of hours. As mentioned above If you have any thoughts/ideas, for advertising, suggestions for entertainment, local stalls, create bunting, or would like to be involved, do contact us. We do ask if you would like to volunteer, you are committed in supporting 2026 and make it the best one yet!

AGM details: 25th September, 7pm, PVSSC, St Aldams Drive

Revel Contact Details: pucklechurch.revel@gmail.com or phone/text on 07789707278

Revel Chair



If you are still looking for a playgroup place, we currently have a few spaces left for September 2025, please call George 07736713730 or Fi 07545351364 to arrange a visit.

To fall in line with school drop off and pick up times, we have revised our opening hours. You will be able to drop off from 9am with collection at 12noon and for full days, collection is 3pm.

We are pleased to add a Monday afternoon to our opening hours, so a full day is available from 9-3 on Monday.

"Children are eager to enter this welcoming playgroup and separate from their parents with ease"

-OFSTED Report

The Rose & Crown

By the time you read this, Dan and Tara will have taken over the Rose and Crown which reopened on 27th of August.

Many of you will already know them, as they've both been familiar faces behind the bar for some time. They're looking forward to welcoming everyone and continuing the warm, friendly atmosphere the pub is known for.

A new menu is set to launch in October, so stay tuned and don't forget to follow us on social media for upcoming events and announcements!

We'd love to thank everyone who attended Pucklefest this year. The support for the Yate Rugby Academy is very much appreciated and will serve the youth of the community well. The festival is something that Dan and Tara intend to continue annually.

Pucklechurch Primary School Year 6

Pupils from Year 6 would like to thank Pucklechurch Parish Council for funding their visit to the Houses of Parliament. We also prepared a presentation, below, and had the opportunity to put questions to local MP Claire Young about being an MP with the visit being reported by her office to the local press. This is our opportunity to share our experience and what we learnt during our visit.

We travelled to London by train, starting our journey at Parkway arriving at Paddington station and completing our journey by tube from Paddington to Westminster. We studied the tube map and counted the number of stops so we knew when to get off.

During our visit we saw Big Ben, taking a group picture to capture this landmark and then took a short walk before arriving at the Houses of Parliament.

At the Houses of Parliament, we completed a security check, placing our bags through a scanner and going through a check ourselves. We were greeted by our Guide who took us on a tour. During the first part of the tour we watched a film explaining the history of the government. We did a presentation of our visit to our local MP Claire Young.

We learnt that Parliament is where important decisions are made for the rest of the country. In England, we have a democratic process where people can vote and contribute to the decisions made.

There are two parts, the House of Lords and the House of Commons. We were fortunate to visit the House of Commons where members of Parliament talk about ideas for new laws. These ideas are called bills, which is like a plan for a new rule of law. First, a bill is introduced, giving MPs the chance to read it and ask questions. The



bill will then be debated, sharing which parts they agree or disagree with. Changes may be suggested at this point. MPs will then decide if the bill should go to the next stage. If most MPs agree, the bill will move forward until it is finally agreed by Parliament.

We learnt that before it becomes law, it needs something called Royal Assent, meaning the King or Queen agrees to the law. Once Royal Assent has been given, the bill becomes law and everyone must follow it.

Our Guide explained that there are 650 MPs, whose role is to help local people by listening to their problems and finding solutions where possible. We saw where the MPs sit in the House of Commons and where the speaker sat. We couldn't believe how many microphones there were.

Inside Parliament, there were lots of paintings and statues, with paintings often celebrating key events in history. Statues were of important people who have helped shape our country such as Winston Churchill.

Pucklechurch Newsletter Delivery Team

As distributor of PCN for around 15 years I would like to take this opportunity to thank and name my team of delivery stalwarts. Some from the very beginning, inherited from Val Broom and some new recruits.

Val & Lesley Broom, Maureen & Trev Hurcom, Jean Rawlings, Fran & Dave Jones, Becky & Stuart Webb, Jackie Mooney, Helen Williams, Julie Parker, Marilyn Beck, Ros Abbott, Jenny Goddard, Lyn Smith, Elaine Stone, Joyce & Dave Harris, Carol Humphries, Jill Hayden, Mandy Smith and Chris Sargent and finally, Diane Bailey for Shortwood, and myself.

And finally, to those who have had to give up owing to health issues who have not been forgotten.

The newsletter couldn't go out without you.

If anybody would like to join the team you will be very welcome.

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Editor's Note:

Pucklechurch News has a new email address, pucklechurchnews@pucklechurchparishcouncil.gov.uk so please submit any future articles using this email address.

Jayne Hawkins
Editor

NEWS FROM THREE SHIRES MEDICAL PRACTICE

Every time I write this article for Pucklechurch News, I hope to share better news about the Three Shires Medical Practice financial situation. Unfortunately, there is still no clarity.

The Practice has received a loan/grant (half and half) in this current financial year (Apr 25-Mar26), after which the situation will be reassessed.

One of the aims of the Health Secretary is to 'bring medical services closer to the community', which sounds great, but sadly does not translate into help for rural practices. Rather the intention is the development of large, impersonal treatment hubs in various locations. We are unlikely to get one nearer than Yate or Downend and although it should deliver investigations, diagnosis and treatment, you will not be seen by anyone with whom you have a personal relationship. We are so lucky that the Three Shires Medical Practice still manages to function as a 'Family Doctor' service and obviously we would rather this was continued.

The good news is that we have continued to retain high levels of patient satisfaction in the 2025 NHS GP Patient Survey. 88% of our patients who responded to the survey said that their experience was good which was significantly above the average both locally and nationally. It is good to see that in the majority of the survey areas, in spite of the funding issues we live with, we are showing significantly above average results.

The Friends of Three Shires have raised over £20,000 to help with key equipment purchases with further fundraising likely to continue in the Autumn. The doctors and staff at the Practice are extremely grateful for your ongoing generosity. It isn't always possible to say thank you for individual donations, so please accept our thanks for all the donations you have made.

With Autumn approaching, we will be planning our flu and COVID vaccination programme commencing in October following guidance from the Department of Health.

Pucklechurch Village Trips

Tuesday 2nd September
Swansea & the Mumbles

Tuesday 7th October
Worcester

Tuesday 4th November
London

Tuesday 2nd December
Exeter Christmas market

For more details please contact
pucklechurchvillagetrips@gmail.com or
phone or text Elaine on 07940207559

What's Happening at HMP Ashfield

A new digital reading pilot has been launched at HMP Ashfield helping HMP Ashfield inmates learn to read.

HMP Ashfield was the first prison to have a dedicated Shannon Trust library. The Shannon Trust has launched the first ever digital version of its reading programme, Turning Pages, at HMP Ashfield located in Pucklechurch.

The charity, which helps people in prison to learn to read, has worked with Serco to introduce the new way of learning.

Turning Pages Digital allows prisoners to develop their reading skills with flexible, in cell access to learning.

The charity hopes the digital platform will encourage more prisoners to engage with independent learning, ultimately reducing re-offending. Recent figures show that more than 70% of people in prison struggle with their reading.

The project is set to improve digital inclusion and employability skills. Prisoners will gain confidence not only in reading but also in using digital tools. Peer mentors at HMP Ashfield are also being trained to provide support via a Turning Pages Digital helpdesk.

A Shannon Trust mentor at HMP Ashfield said: "As a mentor, being able to monitor the commitment of your learner gives great pride, as the work you do with them inspires them to continue in their own time, with the ability to pause when they get stuck. It's easily laid out, with dyslexia friendly overlays."

One prisoner using the digital programme said: "I'm finding using Turning Pages Digital easy. It makes me think in a more interactive way than with the books. I like the smiley faces and the trophies because they're motivating and make me want to keep learning. I don't mind the books, but I find it much easier using the in cell technology."

Amanda Segelov, Director of Operations South at Shannon Trust, said: "We're proud to be piloting Turning Pages Digital with Serco at HMP Ashfield. This is a significant step in making reading accessible in new and flexible ways. It's about empowering people, whether through one-to-one mentoring, self directed study, or gaining confidence with digital tools."



Villagers on Their Own "VOTO"

VOTO is a group for villagers on their own who are over 50 which has been running since 2010. We try to have a monthly event with some months, more than one. So far this year events have included a get together and buffet in the village Sports Hall Social Club, a visit to Bath Theatre Royal, afternoon tea at Maddisons, a quiz and trips to Badminton open gardens and on the Waverley.

For more details please contact Elaine on
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Girlguiding

1ST PUCKLECHURCH Guides

Foxlease Park on the edge of the New Forest is a beautiful Georgian house with converted stables and barns, plus extensive grounds. Our Unit stayed in The Coach House for a space themed week in May making imaginative space suits, cocooning teacakes before dropping them from a height to see if they remained intact and firing 'rockets' of bicarb and vinegar, it's amazing how high they can go! We held an intergalactic banquet introducing imagined customs, clothing and languages of inhabitants of newly discovered planets! Plus the guides had great fun on the lake learning to kayak and build rafts.

Revel preparations and participation involved costumes for Alice in Wonderland, making craft items and ticketing the tombola prizes. It was worth all the effort with £200 raised towards future camps.

Our final meeting involved getting wet! Bowls of water balanced on feet can easily slip and did, with water slides outside in the rain meant getting even wetter but no-one cared.

KENT INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE 2025 – Festival of Scouting and Guiding

WOW! This had absolutely everything. Seven of us joined 7,000 Scouts and Guides from UK and around the world for an experience that only Scouting and Guiding can give. Tents, cheek by jowl, spread across the vast Kent County Showground, divided into five sub camps. Ours was Tropical, colour purple. Purple neckers were always worn. Each participant also wore a coded wristband with a unique number, linked to a computer containing personal/medical details with permissions for specific activities. We were also given T-shirts, bags, socks and badges.

So, what did we do? During the day we climbed walls, abseiled down them, stacked crates while in a harness, gasped as we travelled at great speed along a zip wire, and thoroughly enjoyed riding in a 4x4 vehicle expertly driven around the purpose built extreme off road course in a wood. The British Army taught vehicle mechanics, we rode grass carts and mountain bikes, and Izzy, aged 17, learnt to drive a convertible car; her favourite thing. Everyone rated the colour and mud fun run as a highlight too. Bridge building meant constructing a proper metal suspension bridge with cables, big enough to walk over when completed. There were numerous inflatables, archery, target shooting, tomahawk throwing (very safe), plus crafts and quizzes.

Evenings and off to Rio, a giant arena for live music, bands, a funfair with bumper cars, waltzer and other scary rides making you scream. Film shows, food court, popular Club 14-17 with themed nights; neon, country, beach and drag, some Scouts went to great lengths on this one!

Finally the Finale. All 7000 marched in sub camp order into the arena, bands playing, flags and banners waving, similar to Glastonbury, listening to Scouting for Girls pop group, bands, farewell speeches and watching a fantastic fireworks display.

Thank you Pucklechurch, including the Parish Council, for supporting our fund raising towards this and upcoming international camps.

Come and join the fun, contact Ros Abbott, 07709 639846.

Pucklechurch A Little Bit of the Past

The British Newspaper Archive (BNA) is an online resource providing lots of opportunity to delve into the history of Pucklechurch and its people. With over 47,000 specific references to Pucklechurch it is easy to get side tracked as well as make unexpected discoveries. This is precisely what happened when I started researching a photograph showing four charabancs outside The Rose and Crown, c. 1920 and looked at the BNA. In doing so, I found a report of a completely unrelated charabanc trip to Radstock in 1934 by members of 'Pucklechurch Quoits team', which until this time I had no idea existed.

Quoits is a game that involves throwing a set of heavy circular steel rings at a metal spike, which is set in the middle of a bed of damp clay measuring 3 feet square. Its origins are unclear, but the best account can be found in a book called 'Played at the Pub' by Arthur Taylor. According to Taylor, between the 1820s and WWI it was as widespread as bowls and skittles all over England, Wales and Scotland, a popular spectator sport and for some, a major focus for gambling. Rules varied between regions, as did the weight of the quoits and throwing distances with both 'long game' and 'short games' together with regional leagues.

Pucklechurch teams played at various times in Somerset Quoit Association matches, as well as the Mid Gloucester and District league. Many quoits teams were associated with working class communities in mining or rural areas, like Pucklechurch. In England, their headquarters were often pub based and ours was at The Star.

In 1928 it was reported they had their annual supper with the distribution of medals and had held the District League cup for two years running. One news report for 1937, however, covered quite a different occasion, when Shoscombe Quoits Club arranged a clay pigeon shooting contest against the Pucklechurch team. Pucklechurch won by 'one kill' thereby ensuring their opponents paid for supper.

It is not clear when a Pucklechurch team last played, but the last newspaper report is from August 1939. However, the surnames of those that played in the 1920s and 1930s tally with some of the long lived Pucklechurch families so it's quite possible some of you may have had relatives that played, or have quoits related memorabilia – if you do, please let me know!

Gail Boyle



Boyd Valley, Emersons and Lyde Green Community Police

Information and details of team members can be found on the Avon and Somerset Police website link: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/boyd-valley-emersons-and-lyde-green/>

Useful information taken from the Police website

Rural crime

We urge members of the public to report any incidents of coursing/ poaching by calling 999, if the incident is in progress or reporting via 101 or online after the event. Link: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/wildlife-crime/>

Do not approach those taking part in this activity and do not put yourself at risk, but please try and obtain as much information as possible.

Location – consider WHAT3WORDS

Any vehicles involved – type, colour

How many people are involved, any descriptions

Dogs or weapons involved

Any photos or video evidence would be helpful

Link: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/boyd-valley-emersons-and-lyde-green/priorities/rural-crime/>

Vehicle crime

Thieves are looking out for unlocked vehicles and things to steal, and are finding easy pickings everywhere. Even if you are in a rush, take a moment to check whether you've locked your vehicle.

Always remove any valuable items, even if it's locked, criminals don't care about damaging your vehicle.

There have been reports about vans being broken into and tools stolen. Most of the time the alarms on the vehicle are not triggered. Do not leave high value tools or equipment in your vehicle, to avoid becoming a victim of crime.

Link: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/boyd-valley-emersons-and-lyde-green/priorities/vehicle-crime/>

The latest crime statistics are for May 2025

In Pucklechurch Parish there were 14 incidents. Overall reported crime figures for Boyd Valley in May were 173 incidents.

The following data is taken from the Crime map link: <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/avon-somerset-constabulary/boyd-valley-emersons-and-lyde-green/?tab=crimemap>

Location

Police Crime Category

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| Goldfinch Way | Theft |
| The Moorings | Criminal damage x 3 |
| Holly Close | 1 x Anti-social and 1 x violence/sexual offence |
| St Aldams Drive | Anti-social |
| Trading Estate | Violence/sexual offence |
| Shortwood Road | Anti-social |
| Shortwood Hill | Criminal damage |
| Hill View Road | Anti-social x 2 |
| Lansdown Road | Anti-social |
| Parkfield | Anti-social |



The Memory Cafe at Doynton

Our free get togethers continue throughout the year on the first Thursday of each month from 2-4pm at Doynton Village Hall. The cafe is entirely run by volunteers and funded by the generosity of individuals and organisations and our own fundraising.

Anyone living with dementia in our area is very welcome, together with their accompanying family member, friend or carer.

At the Memory Cafe you will find friendship, fun, laughter, activities, refreshments and entertainment. We also have information about dementia if you need it and opportunities to talk to others with experience of living with this condition.

In the coming months we expect to enjoy a 'Last Night of the Proms' themed café, a visit from a children's choir, a celebration of Harvest, a cafe based around games and puzzles and of course, a celebration of Christmas with a Ukelele band.

If you would like to know more, please see our Facebook page 'The Memory Cafe at Doynton' or call Clare on 07817 311001, or just come along to our next cafe'.

NSPCC

Dates for your diary

Saturday 18th October

Coffee morning at the PVSSC St Aldams Drive 10.30am - 12.00noon

Saturday 22nd November

Skittles at the Village Hall Social Club - 8.00pm
Look out for more details nearer the date.

If you are interested in joining our committee or have fund raising ideas please contact Elaine on elainejstone15@gmail.com or 07940207559.

South Gloucester Council

Leigh Farm: At the July meeting, Cabinet agreed the Leigh Farm Renewable Energy Project and an exclusivity agreement and options for a lease with Bristol Energy Network. A feasibility study will investigate locating two wind turbines adjacent to the M4 and consider connectivity options. Any resulting proposals will go through the planning process and consultation in the normal way.

Cabinet further approved the granting of a lease to Pucklechurch Parish Council for its nature project (south of the M4) on terms to be agreed and approved the development of woodland creation and nature restoration across the sites. The allocation of land within the Local Plan for Gypsy & Travellers (south of the M4) and Travelling Showpeople (north of the M4) was also noted. At present Leigh Farm will continue to be leased for grazing.

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| A18 LEIGH FARM RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT | <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. To approve the grant of an Exclusivity Agreement to Bristol Energy Network and the Option for a Lease for 30 years on terms to be agreed by the Service Director for Propertyii. To approve the grant of a Lease to Pucklechurch Parish Council on term to be agreed by the Service Director for Propertyiii. To note the allocation of land within the Local Plan for Gypsy & Traveller (for the site to the south of the M4 Motorway) and Travelling Showpeople designation to the north of the M4iv. To approve the development of woodland creation and nature restoration on remaining sites |
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<https://council.southglos.gov.uk/documents/g16945/Decisions%2014th-Jul-2025%2014.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=2>

Rock House Farm: I attended the public exhibition by the promoters of the proposed Rock House Farm development of 280 homes at Shortwood. I expressed particular concern about the access to the site which currently shows Cattybrook Road taking all the traffic onto Main Road. I will be asking Highways to look at this. If there is no alternative, it is important that we ensure that the developer funds highway safety measures. This site was allocated in the draft Local Plan which is due to go for independent examination by Government Inspectors this Autumn.v

Marsh Farm: Residents received notification from a developer wanting to build 100 homes (junction of Feltham Road and Abson Road) with details of a drop in session at the Community Centre being held at the end of August. Please make your views known when a planning application is submitted.

South Gloucestershire App: South Gloucestershire Council have launched a new app providing an easy way to access Council services, report potholes, check your bin collection day, etc. If you enter your details, you can see local planning applications or set a handy reminder to put your bins out the day before collection. Give it a try, it's quick and easy to use.

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