

# PUCKLECHURCH NEWS



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## Pucklechurch Parish Council – Chair's Autumn Report

### Corporate responsibility of a Parish Council:

I thought that I would try to clarify the decision-making process of the Parish Council and how we do our business when approached by third parties. From time to time, requests from residents and others are sent by post, emailed or phoned in to the Clerk and it is role of the Clerk to report these as items of correspondence and to list them as such on the agenda for the next meeting. The agenda is posted on the Parish Council's noticeboards at The Community Centre Pucklechurch and the Chapel in Shortwood, as well as on our website. The correspondence is reviewed at the meeting and if Council agrees further action or a decision needs to be taken, the issue that has been raised becomes an item for discussion at the following meeting as a specified item on the agenda.

The reason for this is that we are required to inform everyone in advance what we will be discussing so as to enable interested parties to come along and participate in Public Participation or listen to the Council's discussions. Should the discussion lead to a decision needing to be made, a proposal is put forward to Council with the Council's resolution being carried by a majority vote for or against the proposal. This may seem a protracted process but it allows anyone in the parish to ask anything and for everyone to be made aware of the request and to participate as they wish.

The decision is a corporate one – this means that the whole Council is accountable for having made the decision and no individual Councillor can be either blamed or applauded for it.

### Speed Watch Group:

I am glad to report that there is renewed interest in forming a new Speed Watch Group and we already have a number of volunteers. My thanks to the group that were doing it historically and also to those who are now interested in carrying it forward. The more volun-

teers there are, the more the work can be shared out and there can be greater coverage of the Parish. The Watch will be supported by the Council and of course the police. If you are interested in making a difference by making the Parish safer, please contact Jodie our Clerk.

### Community groups communication:

You may have noticed that recent changes to data protection legislation (GDPR) has led to many organisations contacting individuals or groups to ask for permission to continue to contact them. As part of this process we have sent emails to all the local community groups to ensure that we have the right permissions and appropriate contact details. So far the number of responses has been poor, so if you are a part of a local group please contact the Clerk to ensure that you continue to receive notifications of, for example, funding sources and Parish Council Grants as well as other important community initiatives.

### Allotments:

We have successfully reduced the waiting list for an allotment. If you would like to be added and live in the Parish please contact the Clerk for information.

### New tree seat:

We are pleased to say that the seat around the Oak tree on the Rec has been replaced and is now back to its former glory. Thank you to all who have been involved. Huw Morgan has also written a piece about the tree itself - check out the latest edition of 'Huw's Muse' via the button on the home page of our website at [www.pucklechurchparishcouncil.weebly.com](http://www.pucklechurchparishcouncil.weebly.com).

### Elections:

Just to remind you that local elections will take place next year in May. This is a great opportunity to stand for Council and make a difference. I firmly believe we should have elections and I look forward to a raft of people

standing and that we have a proper election. Going forward, we have a lot to do around M4 Junction 18A, our Neighbourhood Plan and the possibility of development in the parish as part of the SGC Joint Spatial Plan process relating to Non-Strategic housing allocation.

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

BoB Symons

Chairman Pucklechurch Parish Council

**Pucklechurch Players  
Present:**

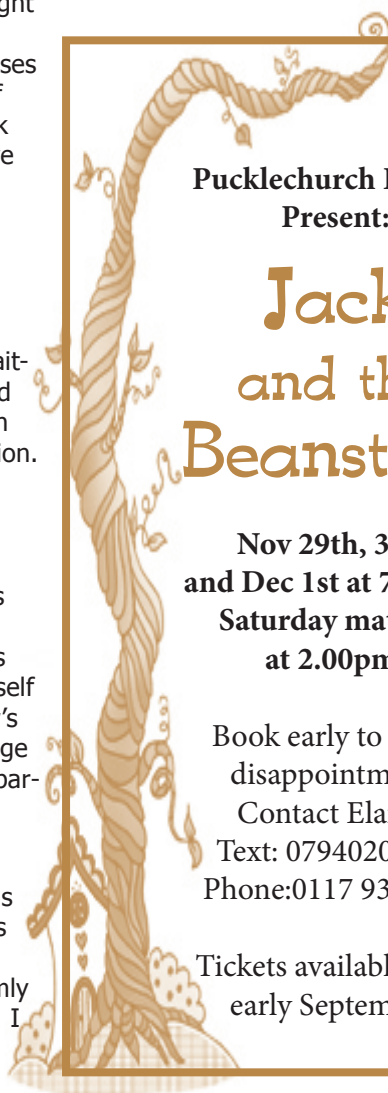
## Jack and the Beanstalk

**Nov 29th, 30th  
and Dec 1st at 7.30pm.  
Saturday matinee  
at 2.00pm.**

Book early to avoid  
disappointment!

Contact Elaine:  
Text: 07940207559  
Phone: 0117 9373105

Tickets available from  
early September.





## Revel 2018 Round Up

This year's Revel Week was, without a doubt, one of the best in many years. We saw a few more changes in our aim to make Revel Week bigger and better.

The Saturday was a much busier affair which was helped with the new fair and their £5 kids ride all day deal. This kept a lot of families around to enjoy the shows and peruse the stalls, despite the one weekend of rain in a summer of heat and sun. We had a myriad of stalls, crafts, the fun fair and much, much more, all run by village organisations.

The day was relaxed and thoroughly enjoyable!

The Revel Beer Festival, running on Friday and Saturday night, was its third year on the Rec and second year running during the day with selected lines! The Emperials were the Saturday night band and the crowd danced once again to the genre of Ska.

Lastly, I would like to personally thank all of the committee for their hard work and dedication with big thanks especially to Su Gunningham-Reid, who took over the reins as Beer and Cider Fest Chair and the big task of Treasurer. Revel, this year, was indeed bigger and better. We have new young members joining us with Harvey, who joined us last year, and Megan to join us this year.

With the AGM scheduled for September 27th, Revel will be looking for more volunteers to make up the committee, so if you can spare a couple of hours a month and some time in June, why not pop along to find out what YOU can do to help.

Thank you and good luck!

If you want to keep updated please 'Like us' and check out our Revel page on Facebook or [www.Pucklechurch.org](http://www.Pucklechurch.org)

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## Responsible dog ownership

Most of us dog owners are good ones, but there are still some who could be doing more!

When out in public, your dog should be under control and wearing a collar with identification tag.

From April 2016 all dogs, by law, must have a microchip.

Having a well trained dog is also important especially those off lead, this includes having a good recall to ensure you can call your dog away from distractions such as people, children and other dogs.

Training classes are very helpful to lots of people with dogs, as it can help build a great relationship and is fun for all the family to be involved in. For those wishing to have goals to work towards, the Good Citizen Dog Scheme awards can be achieved, this is under The Kennel Club Rules.

Please keep your dogs on lead around livestock and be respectful to farmers land.

Clearing up after your dog is a must as this can be potentially harmful to others, especially where children are playing. This can also lead to fines! Carry bags with you at all times and use the bins provided, otherwise take it home and not just leave it on gates and in hedges.

We have lovely places to walk and exercise our dogs - let us just take a little more care.

For more detailed information, visit [www.gov.uk/control-dog-public](http://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public) or [www.thekennelclub.org.uk](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk)

For information on Dog Training [www.dogsdunwell.co.uk](http://www.dogsdunwell.co.uk)

Lisa Dunwell Dog walker/Dog Trainer



## Pucklechurch Community Association

We are pleased to advise that planning permission for the upgrade of the community centre building has been approved. There is still some way to go before the proposed extension and new facilities become a reality, and we will continue to keep you informed of progress via Pucklechurch News.

We are also waiting for planning permission to be approved for the installation of a disabled lift, which will improve access to the Social Club; again, we will let you know how this particular project is progressing.

We are always grateful for ideas or suggestions as to how we could improve the facilities in the community centre for the benefit of the residents of the village. Please contact Peter Nunez, secretary of Pucklechurch Community Association, by email at: [peter.nunez@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.nunez@btinternet.com). All suggestions and ideas will be most welcome!

In addition, we are always interested in talking to anyone who would like to start up a new group in the hall, or wish to book it for a one off event, such as a function, meetings or party. Please contact Karl Fuerstenberg on 07938 972069 or email [pcahall-booking@gmail.com](mailto:pcahall-booking@gmail.com) to discuss your requirements.

## POPPY DISPLAY IN ST THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH

Lots of people have been knitting poppies, which are going to be displayed in St Thomas A Becket Church to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1, with the aim of creating a cascade of poppies inside the church.

The church will be open for people to view this display on Saturday 10th November from 2pm to 4pm. The Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 11th November and the church will remain open until 4pm for people to visit the church and view the wreaths which will have been laid that morning and the poppy cascade. Tea and coffee will be available on both days.

There will also be some WW1 memorabilia on display. If anyone has some WW1 items and would like to share them with others then Jackie Yates can be contacted at 01179373118.

## Forthcoming activities at Emersons Green Library

**Mischief Makers**, this year's Summer Reading Challenge, finishes on Saturday 8th September – so still time to read those six books and be awarded your medal, certificate & vouchers!

**Chatterbooks Reading group** (for children aged 8 – 11) – we meet one Saturday a month for a free session run by the library staff, to talk about different books and try out exciting activities. Please ask staff for more details.

The next **FREE Computer course** at Emersons Green Library will start on Wednesday 12th September. To book your place either call 0117 9092296, email [ann.hawkins@sgscol.ac.uk](mailto:ann.hawkins@sgscol.ac.uk) or call into Emersons Green Library. Topics to be covered include Internet safety, online shopping/booking holidays, creating emails, create documents/letters. For specific IT issues or tuition our Computer Support Volunteers can offer advice free of charge (booking usually required). All South Gloucestershire libraries offer free computer use, WiFi and scanning facilities (plus printing for a small charge).

**MacMillan Coffee Morning** at Emersons Green Library – Friday 28th September from 10.30am : everyone welcome.



## St. Thomas a Becket Pucklechurch

### Church Services

1st Sunday in month 8.30am Holy Communion  
2nd/3rd/4th Sunday in month  
10am Family Communion.

### Special Services

Sunday 14th October 10am Harvest Festival – Family Communion

Sunday 4th November 3pm. All Souls Service-- when we remember those who have passed away either past or present. Candles are lit (provided) followed by refreshments.

### Sunday 11th November -Service of Remembrance 10.45am.

This will be a parade service, with uniformed organisations. Two minutes silence will be kept, Last Post sounded and wreaths laid.

**Christian Aid week** took place in May as a result of which we were able to send £1,575.79. We would like to thank everyone who donated to this.

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## Pucklechurch Ladies Hockey club.

So it's been a rollercoaster of a season for many of us at Pucklechurch LHC. We won our division and we have been promoted to Berkeley Division 1 ready for the start of the season in September.

During the season we've gained a few players which has helped to enhance our team and play well, losing only two games within the league.

We lost our number one fan but are pleased he's smiling up above, having seen us promoted as he very much enjoyed watching us every Saturday in the local area. We will miss his cheering but we'll continue to try to make him proud next season.

And lastly the sad but also exciting news that we are merging forces with another local team, Badminton Ladies. Some of us Pucklechurch players have been playing close on 20 years for the team and are certainly sad to say goodbye to the team as we know it. However, to move forward positively, this is the best decision for the club. There are only so many seasons before we fail to field a team, losing players to injury, relocation or pregnancy so joining forces with a team who embraces the same ethos - to "enjoy playing hockey" - suits us well. We can now offer two teams to play in, giving a more diverse range of abilities the chance to have a go; those returning to the sport and those who've never tried. We welcome everyone. New kit, new logo, new beginnings.

If you'd like to get involved feel free to email for information. Pre season training has begun- pucklechurchlhc@gmail.com

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## Pucklechurch Playgroup

We currently have a few spaces available for children aged 2 to 4 years. We are undergoing a make-over of our outdoor play area which will enable us to provide outdoor play outside everyday. We are very grateful to Pucklechurch Revel and Tesco who have given funds for this project. Why not come in any time and have a look for yourself, or call Georgina Wynter on 07736713730 or Fiona Hanney on 07545315365.

## GARDENER'S CLUB



Our Spring season ended with the AGM on 2nd May when all our committee members were voted on for another year. Our chairperson Lynn Bate decided to stand down due to ill health. Lynn was thanked for her support and contribution to the club since 2014, and committee member Jean Powell was welcomed as our new chairperson. The Frank Bradley Trophy was awarded to Rosemary Cummins as overall winner with most points for our monthly competition. On Saturday 7th July we travelled by coach to Chester for a two night stay, yet again all arranged brilliantly by Lyn Smith. We visited Biddulph Grange Gardens on our way, before arriving at our Hotel for an evening of leisure. Sunday we visited Ness Botanic Gardens and Port Sunlight Village & Museum, before returning to the hotel, everyone having enjoyed the day and the lovely weather, and looking forward to evening dinner. Monday at breakfast, we were told the very sad news that Lynn had passed away, and all our thoughts were with Greg and his family. So, it was a very quiet coach trip home, visiting Hanbury Hall gardens on our way. Jean thanked Lyn and Ann Smith for all their hard work in arranging the weekend, and presented them with a National Trust voucher.

On Friday 20th July we held our Summer Supper at the garden of John and Elizabeth Heal, where everyone enjoyed a lovely buffet, prepared by the committee. Dave and Joyce did a grand job of running the bar and after weeks of hot weather it decided to rain! Not that it spoilt the evening.

Our new programme 2018/19 can be found on Pucklechurch Community website. St Aldams Farm and Kemp's Garden Centre both offer members 10% discount on plants when membership card is presented.

Contacts: Jean Powell 01454 528066, Val Seaman 0117 9372095 or Ann Smith 0117 9372030

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## Good Neighbours

The summer is in full swing and what a scorcher it is! As the sun shines and heat continues to visit us all, we've carried on helping some people in the Parish on an ongoing basis by spending time with them to have a cup of tea and a chat. This is really valuable to those people as we are different faces to see and it gives them the opportunity to talk to someone other than family members. We've also helped other people by doing a garden blitz to help get on top of weeding – luckily before the ground got really hard from all the sun!

We had a stall at the Revel and saw many people during the day. We were able to tell people more about the scheme and how we can help the more vulnerable members of our Parish. We also launched our new leaflets and posters, some of which you'll start to see around the village. A big thank you goes to Jacki Berry for revamping our materials – they look great!

We always welcome more people. You can give as little or as much time as you like, you get to meet new people and everything is local. Every so often the volunteers get together to discuss the scheme as well as just to have a chat. 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). You can also find more details are on our website at [http://www.pucklechurch.org/html/good\\_neighbours.htm](http://www.pucklechurch.org/html/good_neighbours.htm)



Lots of change to report!

Firstly I'm sure many of you would like to join me in thanking Lyn Ford for the unstinting time and effort she has put into running a most enthusiastic, fun-filled Brownie pack for many, many years. There was always something to make or do that was interesting and mostly required the girls to add their own input into the activity. Many girls have grown up and returned with their own children because of their fond memories of being a Brownie. This is reward in itself. Lyn's final meeting was held in her garden on a warm summer's evening and after the Brownies played games, she was presented with several gifts from parents, helpers and the girls. A lasting memory is a mosaic created by the Brownies in a corner of Lyn's garden. Is this the end of Brownies in Pucklechurch? Indeed not. Sharon Edgeworth and Nic Cook have stepped forward and are willing to train as leaders and carry on this great tradition. A warm welcome to them both. I'm sure you will give them much support as they 'learn the ropes'. They will be aided by Karen, and Mary Gray, new to our village but a former Brownie leader herself. There are also two very helpful, popular Young Leaders, Georgia and Chloe, so the Unit is in good shape.



**3rd Pucklechurch Rainbows** are also undergoing leadership changes. A big thank you to Joanna Wallis and Maria Card who have led this Unit for about 13 years. Due to job changes for both ladies they are no longer able to continue running Rainbows. They describe their time as being one of the best, and at times funniest, things they have ever done. Their final summer meeting was at Joanna's house, with quizzes, games and a picnic. Both were presented with gifts and cards by the parents and Rainbows.

Fortunately we have a new young Leader, Emma Vandeleur, who is completing the final clauses of her Adult Leadership Qualification, and is willing to lead so that the Unit stays open. She will have some adult help, but would welcome a female over 18+ to be bold and offer to 'go into uniform' with her and take the leadership qualification. It's a very good addition to a CV! So come on, step up like these ladies, and come and have fun too. We would also welcome a Young Leader aged 14+ - this can count towards the Service element of D of E awards.

**1st Pucklechurch Rainbows** continue with Ruth and Vikki and is very successful.



**Guides** are continuing with George Wynter and Kim, and steadily growing in numbers. Come on girls, 10+, we need a few more of you. You have fun, make friends and there are new challenges to be met.

Nationally the whole GirlGuiding

programme is changing from September. The structure is more defined and streamlined, and progresses from Rainbows right through to Rangers, following and challenging through six stages and six repeating themes so girls can see real progress as they grow. There are new Interest badges and a new handbook for all girls. Rangers have been re-instated as 14 - 18 year olds and there is a new Unit in Wick. This is the ideal time to join us as no matter how long or how short a time leaders have been in Guiding, we will all be learning and journeying along this new and exciting programme together. So, come and join us, don't be shy, you can do it. Contact me for any of the above mentioned Units or any other queries and questions.  
Ros Abbott, South Cotswold Division Commissioner

## Shortwood Speed Watch Group Volunteers needed

One of the most common concerns raised with Councillors is excessive speed through neighbourhoods. With an increased volume of traffic in Shortwood, it is very noticeable that not all drivers are adhering to speed limits or driving in line with road conditions.

To help provide evidence to South Gloucestershire of speeding concerns in this area, Pucklechurch Parish Council would like to form a Shortwood Speed Watch Group. Volunteers will help to assist with the monitoring of vehicle speeds on occasional periods; helping to gather evidence that could be used to improve road safety and the quality of life for residents. This could include a request for consideration of reduced speed limits or additional traffic calming measures.

As residents of Shortwood, can you give your time to help improve road safety for all and reduce the risk of accidents. If you would like to volunteer, please email [parish.council@pucklechurch.org](mailto:parish.council@pucklechurch.org) or call 07525 842 095.

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