

PUCKLECHURCH NEWS



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Pucklechurch Parish Council Chairman's Report

Precept:

The Council has resolved that there will be no increase in the precept. This has been made possible because we have made savings over this year which resulted from the Clerk's maternity leave and the consequent decrease in its capacity to deliver projects that were budgeted for.

Clerk Update:

Good News! Our Clerk, Jodie Bailey, will be returning to work on the 14th March and the Council is looking forward to getting back to full efficiency. My thanks to all Councillors who have given up their time to cover different aspects of the role and for the patience of parishioners whilst we have been understaffed.

M4J18A Update

By the time you read this it is possible that the report regarding options for M4J18a will have been presented and discussed at a South Gloucestershire Council Cabinet meeting. It is the intention for PPC to continue to make its views known on this matter at every possible opportunity. Updates will be available on our website and published via a twitter account (@M418aNews). All of the next steps will be discussed at Parish Council meetings so you might like to keep an eye on our meeting agenda:
www.pucklechurchparishcouncil.weebly.com.

Dog Fouling

The Council has been working with South Gloucestershire Dog Wardens to deal with this problem and with some success. The Wardens' regular visits and discussions with dog owners seem to have slightly reduced the issue. It is important that this initiative is continued so the Council is urging residents to inform it or the Dog Warden of evidence of fouling that is not picked up with names of dog-owners if possible. Failing that even just a description of the dog will help us to identify owners who fail to bag it and bin it.



Councillor Co-option

Following the resignation of Craig Stephens there are now two vacancies on the Council. Adverts have been placed around the parish. If you are interested in stepping forward please get in contact with any Councillor or email the Clerk for information using the email address supplied below.

South Gloucestershire Local Plan Prospectus: Consultation

I would like to draw your attention to the SGC Local Plan document which outlines housing needs and areas where there are opportunities for non-strategic growth in rural areas. The consultation document identifies Pucklechurch (along with many others) as a "place for investigation". SGC has also identified three options with regard to possible approaches the plan might adopt with regard to "Rural Growth"
Option 1. Outside the green belt?
Option 2. Inside the green belt?
Option 3. Both inside and outside the green belt?

You can see therefore that **it is important that everyone should respond**. There will be a link to the consultation on the Parish Council Website or you can find it directly via SGC's own website consultation page.

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BoB Symons, Chairman 0117 9374105

Pucklechurch Players Present:-

Bedroom Farce

by

Alan Ayckbourn

**Friday 18 & Saturday 19 May
Pucklechurch Community Centre**

**Posters giving more information will be
around from the beginning of April**

Pucklechurch Good Neighbour Scheme News

The Good Neighbour Scheme continues to receive calls and our volunteers are helping people in our community. We've been busy over the autumn and winter months continuing to offer ongoing and regular help to seven elderly residents of Pucklechurch and Shortwood by visiting and providing contact with someone. We also helped put up and take down the Christmas decorations at the Homefield Centre which was a great way to meet up, have some festive fun and a mince pie or two! We have helped someone to fix issues with a mobile phone and laptop, and put together an exercise machine.

With the winter months coming to an end and spring being around the corner, please remember that we are here to help vulnerable people with household tasks such as putting bins out, changing light bulbs or sitting with someone and having a chat. It can be harder for less mobile people to get out in inclement weather, so please give us a ring or send us an email if you think we can help. All our volunteers are police checked and we have public liability insurance.

We've also had new volunteers join us. If you would like to join us too please get in touch. 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, we meet to discuss the scheme so there is a social aspect to what we do as well. If you are vulnerable and would like help or you would like to volunteer, you can contact us 07961 939574 or by emailing goodneighbours@pucklechurch.org. You can also find more details on our website at http://www.pucklechurch.org/html/good_neighbours.htm

BEAVERS

1st Pucklechurch Beavers

Many Thanks to Justine, Syreeta, Tony and Rachel for helping to keep Pucklechurch Beavers going during the Christmas term, where the Colony was temporarily without a full time Leader. Pucklechurch Beavers now has a new Leader, Mike Pawsey, who has thoroughly enjoyed his first few weeks of the programme.

So far this term, we have been on a night hike to find fossils, learnt more about our own teeth (and Beaver teeth!) and made some pancakes with the Beavers' favourite topping. It did appear that on occasion there was more topping than pancake and we might have undone some of the good work we previously did on looking after our teeth.

Thank you to Justine and all the Beavers for making me feel so welcome. If anyone would like to join the Group they can call Mike on 07584 765 410.

CUBS

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

PUCKLECHURCH HAPPY CIRCLE 2018 COACH TRIPS

May 1st -	Bournemouth:
5th June -	Weymouth:
3rd July -	Portsmouth:
7th August -	Sidmouth:
4th September -	Poole:
2nd October -	Kew Gardens:
6th November -	Oxford.

The cost of £13 is required in advance to secure a seat. The coach leaves Pucklechurch at 9.00 a.m. and returns no later than 7.00 p.m. Pick up points are Shortwood Road bus stop (8.40) and Village Hall bus stop (8.45). More information about the individual locations can be found on the Pucklechurch website under the relevant month. Money can be paid at the Homefield Centre, Shortwood Road between 1.30 and 2.00 pm Tuesday afternoons; alternatively drop an envelope through the door of 2 Shortwood Road, cottage on the corner opposite the Spar shop. Please put your name and trip you are paying for on the front of the envelope. It is also possible to pay for more than one trip in advance.

Your contact details would be helpful, either a phone number or email address, in case of a problem occurring before a trip. Any questions please ring Lesley on 01179 374073.

is dependent on adults leading the pack, so if you are interested please get in touch.

SCOUTS

1st Pucklechurch Scouts

On our last meeting before Christmas we met at the Scout Hut with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to have a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. We also made our own Christmas crackers and burst them with our friends. This term we have been ice skating near Cribbs Causeway (falling over) but we all thoroughly enjoyed it. Recently three scouts had fun with other scouts in a forum. They experienced lots of enjoyable activities like egg catapulting and making a plan to bring children from Syria to England for two weeks so they can enjoy life away from the difficult place they live in and most recently we were doing the countryside code and map reading in preparation for our night hike.

Written by James, Jack, Jordan and Dan

We are already planning two camps for the summer – a Jamboree for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from across the district. The scouts who attended the district forum they mentioned above may get the chance to meet up with friends from across the district.

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

Written by Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders

Your local primary school, Pucklechurch CEVC Primary School, is looking for new governors.

We are inviting members of the community, who have an interest in supporting the successful education of children and who feel they could offer the time and commitment that it takes, to be a school governor.

Pucklechurch CEVC Primary School is a successful, well-run, happy school that seeks to contribute to, and participate in, the local community. The governing body is a crucial part of that success and as such, wishes to remain effective in driving the strategic vision of the school. There are many skills and attributes that we seek to enable us to do this.

You may be someone with a previous connection to the school, an interest in developing strong strategic systems or a genuine desire to help children be successful. This is a role that will give you the opportunity to contribute in all sorts of ways.

Whatever your knowledge and skills you will have something that can supplement those we already have. Please don't under-estimate what you can bring to our governing body and so contribute to continuing growth and success of the school and the local children.

In the first instance we are looking for expressions of interest. If you would like to find out a little more (without any obligation whatsoever) then please contact :

Claire Dolman; Clerk to Governors - clairedolman@aol.com
The first step will be to share the key information you need to help you decide whether you're interested and then we can put you in touch with the Chair of Governors who will discuss the role in more detail with you.

Please consider this opportunity! We really would love to develop the Governing Body and if you think that you would like to participate then please get in touch.

Thank you for reading this and we hope to meet you soon.
Pucklechurch Primary School Full Governing Body.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Please note Emersons Green Library, along with all South Gloucestershire libraries, will open in Open Access mode only on Good Friday 30th March, Saturday 31st March, Easter Sunday 1st April and Easter Monday 2nd April. On these days Open Access will operate between 10am – 4pm. In Open Access mode there are no staff on duty and access is only available to those who have attended an induction session.

For more information about these sessions or anything about using Open Access visit www.southglos.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/openaccess/ .

Outside of the Easter weekend our usual (staffed) opening hours remain:

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 10 – 5.30pm
and Saturdays 9.30am – 1pm.

For more information about all our services and activities visit www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries/emersons-green-library, and follow South Gloucestershire Libraries on Facebook or Twitter.

GARDENER'S CLUB



The club ended 2017 with the annual Christmas Supper, which was held in the community hall.

Teams of six put their heads together to answer general knowledge questions with some gardening' thrown in! When the points were totalled up, team "Blue Salvias" picked up the prize.

Everyone enjoyed the lovely cheese and wine supper, which the committee displayed beautifully with Christmas decorations. The club competition of 'a table decoration' was won by Rosemary Cummins, with Sallie Brooks second and Jackie Yates third.

The Spring/Summer programme kicked off on Wednesday 7th February, when committee member George Alway gave another of his very knowledgeable talks on 'Propagation'.

A list showing our new programme can be found along with our information sheet on the Pucklechurch community website, under 'Village Groups'. A poster giving our monthly meetings can be found in the window of the village Post Office.

Lastly, we wish our committee and club members A Happy & Healthy New Year.'

St Aldam's Farm and Kemp's Garden Centre both offer members 10% discount on plants when membership card is presented. For more information about our meetings and activities, please contact: Lynn Bate 01179374297, Val Seaman 01179372095 or Ann Smith 01179372030

PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

We are pleased to advise that we are making progress with the upgrade of the community centre. An application has been submitted for the erection of a single storey extension to the front of the building and alterations to the car park. We are hoping to receive a response by next month and will provide an update in the next edition of Pucklechurch News. If the application has been successful, we will advise what steps will be taken next.

The recent resurface of the floor in the hall is the first step in providing improved facilities for the residents of the village.

Please can we again appeal to you, the local community, to tell us what you want from your community centre. If you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we could improve the facilities available to the residents of the village, please contact Peter Nunez, secretary of Pucklechurch Community Association, by email at : peter.nunez@btinternet.com.

We are also interested in talking to anyone who would like to start up a new group in the hall, or if you wish to book it for a one off event, such as a function, meetings or party. Please contact Karl Fuerstenberg on 07938 972069 or kfue5634@gmail.com to discuss your requirements.



Pucklechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan Whats Next?

The Pucklechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has reviewed the priorities identified in our initial survey. We are now working on a more detailed survey to gather your views on specific policies that would guide development within our parish. Development is always controversial, but we can help shape the future of our neighbourhoods by creating a neighbourhood plan. The parish council has hired a consultant to aid us in the next phase of neighbourhood plan development. Lemon Gazelle, a small, local firm, has helped a number of other localities engage the community and build a solid foundation of public opinion to support neighbourhood plans.

With Lemon Gazelle's help, we will be running a public session soon to discuss potential planning policies for our area. Look out for notices about when and where, and keep an eye out for our next survey as well.

New Local Plan Consultation

South Gloucestershire Council has published a draft of its new Local Plan, which identifies additional homes, businesses, transport, and other infrastructure needed to support the anticipated growth from 2018 to 2036. This plan will define the new housing parameters for our neighbourhood plan.

The public consultation on the Local Plan runs until 30th April 2018. You can review and comment on the South Glos website at www.southglos.gov.uk – search for "Local Plan Consultation Document".

Can you help

We need more people to help with our survey and organise the next phase of public consultation. If you are good at data analysis or have experience of public engagement or planning policies, we could use your help.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact us by email at ppnp@pucklechurch.org
Jacki Berry for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group



BEER FESTIVAL 2018

Pucklechurch Revel and Beer Festival will be held on 15th and 16th June 2018, on the play-ground side of the Recreation field.

This year's theme is 'Music through the ages'. We are planning to hold a dog show and a mini classic car show as well as other arena events. The beer festival tent will be open during the day as well as a selection of food outlets.

This year we will be bigger and better with new fair-ground rides, a magician and various other entertainments. We are currently looking for outside craft stall traders. If you are interested please email: pucklechurch.revel@googlemail.com and 'like' us on Facebook.

The Bob Todd Family Memorial Race Night and BBQ will be held at the PVSSC on Saturday 28th April. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. The Revel Family Disco night for deciding the Revel King and Queen, Prince, Princess and Pixies will be held on Saturday 12th May in the village hall with an American supper. Please bring your contribution to the table and enjoy.

Revel Quiz night will be held on 11th June at the Fleur de Lis at 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. Please book your table (maximum 6 people per team), as there is limited availability, on 0117 937 3272. The Fleur Christmas party has already raised £295. Pucklechurch Sparkle was a success again this year, with many turning out to decorate the tree and watch the BEaK brass band perform in the Top Club.

Please help support your local community through the planned events this year.

Pucklechurch Beer and Cider festival will be running on Friday evening and all day Saturday as well as Saturday evening with live bands both nights.

A large selection of real ales, craft ciders, lager, wine and soft drinks will be available as well as a good selection of food.

Tickets will be on sale around the village from early May. If you are interested in sponsoring The Beer Festival we have a variety of packages available; for more information please email info@pucklechurchbeerfestival.org



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St.Thomas a Becket Pucklechurch

Services for Holy Week and Easter:-

Sunday 25th March - Palm Sunday

10am Family Communion

Procession, Palm Crosses

Maundy Thursday - 29th March 7.30pm Holy Communion

Good Friday - 30th March

10am Four Stations of the Cross

2-3pm Last Hour at Cross

Easter Day - 1st April

10am Family Communion

Easter Eggs, Biscuits.

Sunday 8th April

10am Café Church (not 1st April)

Christmas Services and Concerts were well received; with a very full Church for the School Concert; Christingle and Nativity Service. The Church was Floodlit as usual. Unfortunately due to a breakdown we were without heating for 5 weeks at one of the busiest times of the year; for this we apologise. The heating was repaired on 18th December.

Open Doors

Starting March 21st the Church will be open from 2-3.30p.m. for you to come in and have a look round; join us for a cup of tea, small sales table available. This is for young and old alike March 21st; April 18th; May 16th.

St.James the Great Abscon:-

Easter Day – 1st April

11.30am Holy Communion

Shortwood Methodist Church

are you new to the area or perhaps looking to make new friends? Look no further. Come and join us at Shortwood Methodist Church. We're a small church in the centre of the village opposite the telephone kiosk/defibrillator and we want to grow our numbers. We meet on Sunday afternoons at 2.45pm and our services last about an hour. A warm welcome awaits you.

Pucklechurch Badminton Club

The village Badminton Club is one of the longest running clubs using the village hall.

We are a friendly group, meeting every Sunday evening at 7.15pm in the village hall and we play until about 9.30pm. We have one court and usually play mixed doubles.

Subscription is £30 for a quarter or £3.50 for one session. Come along and give it a go – the first session is free!

If you have any questions please ring Mark on 07866 375512 or Pauline on 07570 046177

We look forward to seeing you there.

HOCKEY CLUB

Heading into the new 2017/2018 season in a lower division and with some great new recruits, Pucklechurch Ladies Hockey club were feeling optimistic at the forthcoming season.

The first half of the season showed the true team spirit and the difference fielding a team with substitutes can make. Only one defeat from nine games left us five points clear at the top of the table as we headed in to the Christmas break.

Following a longer break than expected due to a frozen pitch Pucklechurch struggled a little in the returning game defeating Badminton ladies with only a single goal making the difference (two-one). The following week with a good training session under our belts we played a far better game but the result did not reflect our play. Opposition BAC played well on the break and appear to be a real bogie team with us, seeing us to our second defeat to them this season.

Not to be downtrodden, a Puckle team in high spirits headed out to Bristol Ladies and put away six goals to keep our place at the top of the table. Fantastic play and a hat-trick of goals gave Pucklechurch resident Amy Nicholls Player of the match.

For the first game of February we headed to Thornbury with last minute unexpected team changes. However the team showed true spirit and played possibly the best game of the season so far. A fantastic defence, working through midfield with space and allowing the ball to do the hard work left us winning with a five - one score line at the final whistle. Other results in the division went in Pucklechurch's favour and we currently sit top of the table with a five point lead yet again.

If you're interested in giving hockey a go, regardless of ability, please get in touch on Pucklechurchlhc@gmail.com

Did you know...

**South Gloucestershire Council
fund a loan scheme for homeowners,
for essential home repairs
and improvements?***

For more information, visit www.wrcic.org.uk, call 01823 461099, or email enquiries@wrcic.org.uk

Your local, not for profit lender working in partnership with

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Wessex Resolutions CIC

Heatherton Park Studios, Bradford on Tone,
Taunton, TA4 1EU

* Subject to Status



1st Pucklechurch Rainbows started the year very aptly by discussing how snow is made, and enjoyed performing their own snowflake dance. However, folding paper and cutting out shapes to create snowflakes was more challenging. After discussion the Rainbows agreed it would have been easier if thinner paper had been used. What a lot they learned!

The group worked together painting white dots on black card and used white pompoms and fluffy white material to create a large snowman for their noticeboard. The following week Ruth introduced the Rainbows to real snowdrops and encouraged them to smell, touch and then draw with white chalk on black card.

The girls made a piñata towards their Multicultural Badge – a balloon with newspaper strips glued on the outside. This was followed by balloon tennis and an invitation to pop balloons at the end; not everyone wanted to do this and so the group learned it was a challenge for some and how to face them. Next the Rainbows made friendship bracelets. A party is next on the list, so that the piñata can be broken and the sweets fall out!

By the time you read this some will have taken part in the Division Thinking Day event at Hawkesbury Upton where they will meet other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

To join this exciting group, please contact Ruth, leader, via Vikki – email vikkiwillo@aol.com They meet Tuesdays 3.25pm – 4.25pm in the Scout Hut.

3rd Pucklechurch Rainbows have had a fantastic time trying out some new Girlguiding activities as the UK organisation reviews and refreshes its programme for all ages – bringing us even more challenge and fun. We rounded off last term with a ten pin bowling match – half the Rainbows played on Maple's team and half on Willow's. I am delighted to say that Maple's team won!

This term we are beginning two new challenges – including an alphabet badge with one adventure for each letter of the alphabet. We think it may take us all year, but our Rainbows love a challenge.

We have a few spaces at the moment and would be very happy to welcome new Rainbows – aged from 5- 7 years. Contact us via <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/Maple> of 3rd Pucklechurch Rainbows



Hats off to Lyn Ford! Lyn's done a sterling job for over 25 years providing a challenging, friendly, exciting programme for hundreds of Brownies in our village. But now she has decided her family must take priority and so she will be

stepping down as leader at the end of this school year in July. Her daughter, Phil, now has another baby so she is also unable to continue.

However, I have no doubt we have many capable ladies who can step in and run a very successful Brownie Unit. All you need is to:-

Be aged 18+ and have a sense of fun!

Enjoy working with girls aged 7-10.

Join together with one or two more interested adults, to form a small team, to run the Unit together (many hands make light work and it's more fun and easier in a team). Do it your own way – Lyn doesn't want people to think they have to continue in her footsteps.

You will receive training and a dedicated mentor.

Meanwhile the Brownies have been busy as usual. They have explored the science behind the power of wind.

Here's how. Thread a drinking straw onto a length of string and tie taut between two chairs. Blow up a balloon but don't seal the end. Sellotape onto the straw and let go. Watch it whizz along the string. They've made Chinese fortune tellers and Lyn tells me she was so pleased to see the girls had written friendly, positive sentences inside.

They are beginning their Road Safety badge too, using a specially produced booklet and activities too.



Although small in number at present this hasn't stopped the Guides working on specific badges. One patrol made their own face packs which they applied liberally on their faces! Glamorama is the name of this badge. Whilst this was taking place the second patrol were busy in the kitchen making hot dogs, one of the clauses in the Party badge. They learned how to chop and cook onions successfully and to check whether the sausages were hot enough. Next is Project Camp Blanket, and learning to sew – a very useful skill which should be well practised by the time some of them have sewn on a large number of badges. They will celebrate our international Thinking Day in the Unit and are planning a Unit summer camp.

George and Kim welcome any girls aged 10-14 who would like to join them on Tuesdays in the Scout Hut. Email - wynter397@gmail.com

Please contact me for any Girlguiding matters – girls who'd like to join any Unit, and please, adults who would like to come along and help.

You'll make friends, have fun, and it looks good on your CV, especially if your career plans are working with children.

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