

PUCKLECHURCH NEWS



SPRING 2020

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Friday 8th May 2020
celebrates 75 years since the end of WWII.

Pucklechurch will be celebrating along with the rest of the country on this hugely historic date.



VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 - 10 MAY 2020

The celebrations will be held at the Community Centre beginning at 2pm and continuing into the evening with a family disco.

There will be live music, Dinky Drivers peddle cars, miniature allotment making, VE bake off, make do & mend, scarecrow building and an exhibition of Pucklechurch and Bristol past with items of great interest to those curious about our village's connection with the war. (If you have any items please contact the email below or 07789707278)

There will also be a BBQ run by the cricket club and the Social Club will be open throughout the day.

Along with the rest of the nation we will be honouring the heroes of World War II with a Toast at 3pm and a Cry for Peace around the world at 6.55pm.

At 7pm there will be a family disco where the Revel King and Queen will be picked. There will also be an American Supper, so please do bring a plate.

There's still time to join in or make suggestions. Please feel free to contact the organisers on lorianne.scantlebury@googlemail.com.

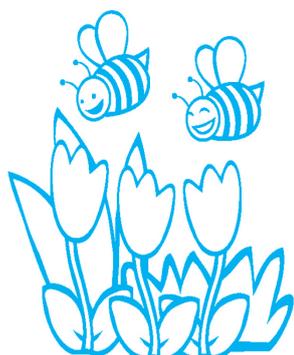
Pucklechurch Players Present:-

Cash on Delivery

a comedy by
Michael Cooney

May 15 & 16
Pucklechurch Community Centre
starts at 8.00 pm

Tickets £7.50
available from beginning of March
Call or text Elaine on 07940 207559



**"MY DEAR
FRIENDS, THIS IS
YOUR HOUR"**

Pucklechurch Parish Council Chairman's Report

Planning applications

Parish Council has had a busy time already and the year is still young. A flurry of planning applications relevant to the parish were verified by SGC just before Christmas. As many of you know PPC is a statutory consultee and this means that we are usually automatically notified of all applications within the parish, as well as those in parishes that sit adjacent to us. Unfortunately, SGC had not done so in one case. Nevertheless, as soon as the Council became aware, we managed to submit comprehensive comments but then still had to arrange an extraordinary meeting in the first week of January to discuss another. One of the reasons we meet twice a month is to try to never be out of time with regard to responding to applications. Whilst PPC is a statutory consultee all residents may make comments on the same applications directly to SGC via their website: <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/commenting-on-planning-applications/>. All applications we are due to discuss are listed on the meeting agenda posted the week before our meetings - the agenda is posted on our noticeboards as well as our website at <http://pucklechurchparishcouncil.weebly.com/>

If residents wish to make representations to PPC in person then an opportunity exists at every Full Council meeting as part of public participation. Should you wish to make written representations then it is best to address these to our Clerk, Daphne Dunning at:

Email: parish.council@pucklechurch.org, Telephone: 07525 842 095, or by letter to Pucklechurch Parish Council, 25 Parkfield Rank, Pucklechurch, Bristol BS16 9NR

Parish Council Maintenance Contractor

As many of you will have seen, Parish Council has posted adverts inviting contractors to tender for a two-year contract (with the potential to extend for a further year) that deals with grounds maintenance, maintenance of our play areas and other parish owned assets, as well as other duties associated with maintaining the parish environment. For several years now we have had the benefit of Huw Morgan's services in this respect, but he has now moved away from the village. I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly record our heartfelt thanks to Huw for all the work he did on our behalf and for the dedication with which he carried out his work in all weathers, rain or shine, often above and beyond the call of duty. We shall particularly miss 'Huw's Muse'. Our new contractor will certainly have a hard act to follow! By the time you read this our deadline for applications will have passed and we will hope to have made a successful appointment.



Parish Precept

Parish Councils raise revenue to fund the activities and duties it undertakes on behalf of the community by issuing a precept. This is the total amount to be raised through the council tax from all the dwellings within the parish area. The 'precept' is converted into an amount per council tax band and this forms part of the council tax bill. Each parish must forecast how much they are going to need in the following financial year, and we are required to notify SGC of this early in the new year so that it can be collected on our behalf. This year Council has set its level of precept requirement at £73,500.00. This represents an increase of 3.68% on the previous year's precept but as the number of Council Tax Band D equivalent households has gone up to 951 this will result in a charge of £77.29 per household which is a nil increase on last year. If you would like to view the Council's agreed budget for 2020/21 you can see a copy under 'accounts' on the Council's website.

Finally.....

I would like to make a plea for those of you who might be interested in filling one of the four Councillor vacancies we have to come forward - attend one of our meetings or call me in person to discuss what is required.

Best Wishes
Gail Boyle,
Chair PPC

Pucklechurch Women's Institute

In the lead-up to Christmas our members enjoyed a meal at the Rose & Crown. Then at our January meeting we celebrated our WI birthday with games (who knew our members played Beetle so competitively!) followed by a delicious buffet.

Pucklechurch WI would be pleased to welcome new members. We have an interesting and diverse programme of events lined up for 2020 – for example, in March it's 'chocolate making'.

If you think you might be interested in joining this friendly group, we meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Homefield Community Room. You are welcome to come along for two taster sessions to see if you like it before joining. If you think you might be interested, do give Wendy Wilmott a call on 9373046. All ages welcome!

Emersons Green Library

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. To celebrate the day here are some book-based facts about Emersons Green library that you may not be aware of:

- Joining the library and borrowing books is free.
- Your South Gloucestershire library card enables you to borrow books from libraries in Bristol, Bath, North Somerset, Somerset, Dorset and Bournemouth.
- You can borrow up to 20 books at one time plus borrow from our e-books collection for free in addition.
- Our most borrowed book last month was *Us Against You* - a novel by Fredrik Backman
- We have a free weekly pre-school story time on Tuesdays at 2pm
- One Saturday a month we also run a Chatter-books group for 9 – 11 year olds who enjoy reading
- In February Emersons Green Library started a Teen reading group – please ask staff for details
- Tea, Talk & stories, a weekly informal reading group, meets on Tuesdays from 1.30pm at Emersons Green Library, with new members always welcome.

GARDENER'S CLUB



A 'Happy New Year' to all our gardening friends at the start of the new gardening year!

Already the clumps of snowdrops and primroses are adding some lovely colour to my garden, and I even saw a bumble bee on a clump of celandines.

Our new 2020 Spring program began this February with George Alway giving a captivating talk on "The making of my garden" with some colourful slides taken as his garden developed over the years. Our monthly competitions have been good fun, with Greg Bate taking first place with "Three Hyacinths in a bowl" at our Christmas Supper, Jean Powell was second and Howard Rayner third. Greg took first prize at the February meeting with "Bowl of Iris Reticulata" with Rosemary Cummins second and Jean Powell taking third place.

In March we have invited new speaker Carl Sadler to talk about making Trugs, entitled "A miserable old Trugmaker" and in April we have a return visit from Jon Mason from Highfields Garden Centre. Jon will be giving us advice on our lawns.

The full 2020 program can be found on pucklechurch.org under 'Village Groups'

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

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Copy Deadlines:

10th May for June Edition (Summer)

10th August for September Edition (Autumn)

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10th February for March Edition (Spring)

Have you heard about "URBIE" - the "Urban Vehicle for Information and Education"? It's a long-running mobile project provided by Yate Town Council, to help youth workers keep in contact with local youngsters and provide them with a safe space to learn skills in a neutral environment.

The "URBIE" minibus will be using the car park outside the community centre every Monday and Thursday between 3.00 and 5.00 pm, commencing Monday 2nd March. Please feel free to visit it.

We have mentioned the project to extend the community centre building in previous editions of Pucklechurch News. We can confirm that planning permission has been granted but there are other issues that need to be addressed before we can move forward. In order to comply with the change of status as required by the Charity Commission, Pucklechurch Community Association will require a change of constitution. Documentation is to be completed, which will then be submitted to the Charity Commission for their approval.

Pucklechurch Parish Council will be informed of progress with the change of constitution, as they will need to oversee the drawing up of a new lease for the building, in order to allow us to apply for grant funding. As mentioned in the previous edition of Pucklechurch News, we would welcome any ideas for activities that could raise funds, such as a bric-a-brac sale or some kind of sponsored event. If you have any ideas that you feel might help raise funds towards the project, please forward them to peter.nunez@btinternet.com. All suggestions will be greatly received!

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

A number of groups currently use the facilities of the building, such as Bowls, Badminton, Drama, Folk Club, Gardening, Majorettes and Model Flying. The hall is also used by a playgroup that meets every morning and on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons during term time, which may be of interest to any families that are new to the village. Please visit the website for Pucklechurch Community Centre at <http://www.pucklechurchcommunitycentre.co.uk> to obtain more information.

If you are new to the village and are considering starting up a new group for activities that do not currently exist, please contact Karl Fuerstenberg on 07938 972069 or pcahallbooking@gmail.com to discuss your requirements.

REVEL &

BEER FESTIVAL 2020

The 69th annual Pucklechurch Revel will be held on Saturday 20th June with the Beer and Cider Festival on 19th and 20th June.

The theme for this year is, Back to the Future.

So far we have planned:

Over 30 stalls from local groups and businesses;

- **Fairground;**
- **Climbing wall;**
- **Arena events**
- **Local band - Stupid**
- **Parade around the village**

The Beer Festival will be back to serve all your Real Ale needs throughout the weekend.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 4th April - Bob Todd Memorial Family Race Night at PVSSC: 6pm - 10:30pm

Friday 8th May - VE Day disco/American supper with Revel King and Queen selection at the Village hall: 7pm - late

Friday 19th & Saturday 20th June - Beer and Cider Festival at the Recreation Field: 7pm - **midnight**

Saturday 20th June - 69th Annual Revel Day on the Recreation field: 11:45am - 6:00pm

We are always on the look-out for more stalls and volunteers, if you are interested please contact Pucklechurch.revel@gmail.com or 07789 707278





St. Thomas a Becket Pucklechurch

Sunday Services

1st Sunday in month

8.30am Holy Communion

10am Café Church

This is informal worship with Worship Songs, Short video, discussion, Prayers
Creche Coffee and Refreshments available

2nd/3rd 4th Sunday

10am Family Communion

Coffee is served after every service

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 9th April 7.30pm

Holy Communion

Good Friday 10th April

10am Morning Worship

2-3pm Last Hour at Cross

Easter Day

10am Family Communion

St. James Abson

11.30am Holy Communion

March 22nd

Mothering Sunday

10am Family Communion

Service for VE Day

Sunday 10th May at 10am

Scarecrow Competition & Trail

Saturday 9th May at 10.30am

Collect Trail Map and Clue Sheet from Church

Stalls, Cakes, Books, Preserves, Jewellery

Coffee/Tea/Sandwiches from 11.30am

2pm Cream Teas

Sunday 10th May

10am Church Service

11.30am Collect Trail Map and Clue Sheet from Church

Stalls, Cakes, Books, Preserves, Jewellery

Sandwiches available, Teas, Coffee, Squash

2p.m. Cream Teas

Scarecrow theme this year - Film Characters

Happy Circle

Happy Circle is held at Homefield Centre, off Shortwood Road, BS16 9QA every Tuesday 2.00 - 3.30pm, over 60's welcome. We have regular entertainment including quizzes, bingo, talks etc. Day trips from April until November, 1st Tuesday of every month. 2020 trip dates are as follows:-

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| 5th May | Windsor |
| 2nd June | Isle of Wight |
| 7th July | Weymouth |
| 4th August | Sidmouth |
| 1st September | Cotswolds |
| 6th October | Birmingham |
| 3rd November | Wells & Clarks Village |

Cost per person is £13 payable in advance. Payment can be made at Happy Circle, Homefield Centre on Tuesday between 1.30 and 2.00pm (except for the day of the trip) or please put the money in an envelope, with your name and trip you are paying for and put through the door of 2 Shortwood Road, cottage opposite the Spar Shop. 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 and Village Hall bus stop. If you require information about any of the above please ring Lesley on 9374073.

FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES

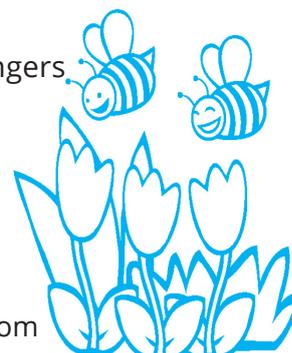
The Sodbury & District Flower Arranging Society is considering holding flower arranging classes once a month in the village.

This is a very relaxing pastime and a skill which gives great enjoyment to yourself and others.

I am currently trying to gauge interest; the proposal is that it would take place in the morning for two hours from approximately 9.30am -11.30M (day and venue to be decided). This may help to make it attractive to mums with young children at school or playgroup but it is definitely open to all age groups and genders.

Some of the top flower arrangers in the country are men!

Why not unlock your hidden talent? If you are interested please contact Rosemary Cummins tel:0117 9373836 or e-mail
rosemary.cummins2@gmail.com





1st Pucklechurch Rainbows are still going strong with Ruth Storey at the helm. She now has Lou Radnedge as her administrator, so contact Lou if you would like your daughter to join/be added to the waiting list. Girls are aged 5-7 years. At present the Unit is full which is not surprising as Ruth always has exciting, interesting activities for the girls to enjoy. Lou can be contacted at Loulou_loopy@yahoo.co.uk



Brownies this term goes from strength to strength; we now have 20 girls with space for 4 more. This term we have been completing Unit Meeting Activities working toward the Be Well Theme award which around 11 have completed. We have 9 girls who will also be enrolled.

The girls have also been working towards their World Thinking Day badge with WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) as well as starting to work on their Take Action Skills Builder and Theme award, and have Adventures Skills Builder in the summer months. Brownies is for girls aged 7-10; if you are interested please sign your daughter up to www.girlguiding.org.uk, register your daughter and click on Pucklechurch for your chosen unit. A member of the local team will then be in touch.



1st PUCKLECHURCH GUIDES

A big thank you to George Wynter for running this Unit over the last six years and giving many girls the opportunities to experience all that Guiding has to offer. During George's final term the girls enjoyed a weekend away staying in the interesting Benjamin Perry Boathouse in Bristol Docks. This is a jointly owned Guide/Scout property in the heart of Bristol. Being teenagers, they shopped and ate out. They also enjoyed the Division trip to the safari park and Festival of Light at Longleat; this really was a wonderful spectacle to behold. Several older Guides left in December 2019 due to increasing home-work and revision for GCSEs.

To prevent Guides from closing I took over the Unit in January, (please note - on a temporary basis!) whilst new leaders are recruited and trained. Thank you and welcome to Lucy who has joined us as an adult volunteer. At present we're small in number but have big ideas! We've chosen Vlogging, Upcycling and Craftivism badges as a start. We learned how to strike matches safely before 'cooking' marshmallows over candles for S'mores - mmm, yummy, but sticky. Two Guides are joining with Wick to form a team for Kohoutek - an annual Scout and Guide competition organised by the universities.

We need more girls - 10 - 14years. You're welcome to come along as a visitor first. Contact Ros Abbott 07709 639846, or rosabbott@hotmail.com Oh, and we need another adult too!

Pucklechurch Good Neighbour Scheme New

The Good Neighbour Scheme is continuing 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 elderly residents of Pucklechurch and Shortwood by visiting and providing contact with someone. We've also had calls to help resolve some technical broadband and TV set up issues



As spring approaches, we can help with a one-off garden 'blitz' if you're unable to wake up your garden from the winter. We can also help with other small household tasks such as putting bins out, changing light bulbs or visiting and having a chat

It can be more difficult for some people with mobility issues to get out

in inclement weather, so please get in touch if you think we can help - our contact details are below. All our volunteers are police checked, we have public liability insurance and being volunteers we don't cost anything.

We've had two new volunteers recently and always welcome more to join our group. If you think you can help and would like to join us, please get in touch. You decide how much time you give and what types of tasks you'd like to help with, you'll meet people and everything we do is local. Every so often, we meet to have a chat and update each other on what we've been doing as volunteers.

You can contact us on 07961 939574 or by emailing goodneighbours@pucklechurch.org. If you leave a message on the phone or email we will be in touch within 24 - 48 hours.

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